



## MELANIA'S MISSION



First lady promotes 'Be Best' campaign at Nashville hospital

In this May 7, 2018, file photo, first lady Melania Trump speaks on her initiatives during an event in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington.

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## Appeals court: 2nd Amendment protects open carry of guns

By BRIAN MELLEY  
Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that the Second Amendment protects the right to openly carry a gun in public for self-defense. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 that Hawaii officials had violated George Young's rights when he was denied a permit to openly carry a loaded gun in public to protect himself. The decision reversed a lower court ruling that sided with officials who said the



This May 10, 2016, file photo, shows a handgun sitting on a desk in the Hawaii Department of Natural Resources hunter education classroom in Honolulu.

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amendment only applied to guns kept in homes. "We do not take lightly the problem of gun violence, which the State of Hawaii 'has understandably sought to fight,'" Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain wrote. "But, for better or for worse, the Second Amendment does protect a right to carry a firearm in public for self-defense." If the ruling stands, it could lead to more guns in public in the few western states under 9th Circuit jurisdiction where they are currently restricted.

"States like Hawaii and California will have to allow far more guns on the streets than they do today," said Adam Winkler, a law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. "States would be able to ban concealed carry but only if they allow people to carry their guns openly displayed." Winkler, however, expects the decision to be appealed to a full panel of the San Francisco-based court.

Tuesday's ruling comes two years after a full panel of the 9th Circuit ruled that there's no right to carry concealed guns in public. That June 2016 ruling struck down a 2-1 panel opinion that was also written by O'Scannlain. Gun rights is one of the most hotly debated issues in U.S. political and legal circles with any loosening or restriction of access to guns often leading to a court battle. The U.S. Supreme Court has shied away from firearms fights in recent years, turning away challenges to restrictions after striking down gun ownership bans in the District of Columbia and Chicago in 2008 and 2010.


Judge Richard Clifton suggested in his dissent that the Supreme Court will likely settle the issue because several conflicting appeals decisions now show "there is no single voice on this question." Clifton, who like the other judges on the panel was nominated to the court by a Republican president, criticized the majority for going "astray in several respects" and disregarding that states such as Hawaii have long regulated and

limited the public carrying of guns, which he said did not undermine the core of the Second Amendment. Attorney Alan Beck, who represented Young, said Hawaii County never issued a carry permit in 20 years. Young, a Vietnam veteran who spent 21 years in the infantry, couldn't find anyone to represent him in his case and wasn't even allowed to argue his case in a lower court.

"I just thought he was a sympathetic good man who deserved an attorney," Beck said. "I didn't go in with any expectation of winning or losing. I just wanted to give him his day in court."

Hawaii Attorney General Russell Suzuki said he planned to consult with the county and work with them on any further action.

"We are disappointed in the decision that would undermine Hawaii's strong gun control law and our commitment to protect the public," Suzuki said in a statement, though he noted the "well-reasoned dissent supporting the constitutionality of this law." □



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# First lady visits hospital to promote her 'Be Best' campaign

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Melania Trump joined in the children's pastimes of blowing bubbles and playing with trains Tuesday as she promoted her "Be Best" campaign at a hospital and expressed her desire to help educate mothers and children about the dangers of drug misuse and dependency.

The first lady spent several hours at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt getting an in-depth briefing from medical professionals on their program to treat babies born with drug dependency, also known as neonatal abstinence syndrome. The program keeps mothers and babies together to improve outcomes.

"My passion is to shine a light on the opioid crisis," Mrs. Trump told doctors and other staff at the Nashville hospital. "I want to continue to learn and believe in starting early to educate young mothers and children about the dangers of drugs. I believe the more we talk about this, the shame and guilt will go away."

It was Mrs. Trump's first domestic trip to publicize "Be Best," the initiative she launched in May to focus on child well-being, social media use and the opioid crisis.

At the end of a briefing, Mrs. Trump asked the doctors and other hospital staff how she could use her role to help, said her spokeswoman, Stephanie Grisham.

"She is impressed by their goal here of keeping mother and children together," Grisham said. Reporters traveling with Mrs. Trump were escorted out of the room before the first lady commented.

After the meeting, Mrs. Trump went to a playroom, where she and Essence Overton, a patient at the hospital, compared fingernails.

"How old are you? What are you playing? You want to show me?" Mrs. Trump said before she took a seat in a child-sized chair to join

Essence and other child patients playing with the train. She moved to a corner of the room after a few minutes and began blowing bubbles with another girl.

Mrs. Trump has done little personally to publicize the "Be Best" campaign around the country since she unveiled it at the White House in May. A week after the announcement, the first lady was hospitalized for five nights for kidney surgery, then spent several weeks out of the spotlight recuperating before resuming a public schedule. She has since made two trips to the U.S.-Mexico border to meet with adults and children affected by the president's policy of separating migrant families who cross into the U.S. illegally.

The first lady did promote "Be Best" when she accompanied the president to London this month. She has also discussed it during surprise visits in the Washington area, including an unannounced trip to Microsoft's Innovation and Policy Center last week.

The issue that took her to Tennessee is neonatal abstinence syndrome, which occurs when a baby withdraws from drugs — usually an opioid painkiller — that he or she was exposed to in the womb. Withdrawal causes such symptoms as irritability, muscle tremors, difficulty feeding and sleeping, and breathing problems, according to Dr. Stephen Patrick, a pediatrician and neonatologist at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital.

Opioids are fueling the deadliest drug overdose epidemic in U.S. history. About 70,000 Americans died of a drug overdose last year, according to preliminary numbers released this month by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's a 10 percent increase from the previous year.

One of Mrs. Trump's recent trips to visit a facility for migrant children was overshadowed by a hooded jacket she wore that had, "I really don't care, do u?"



First lady Melania Trump blows bubbles in a playroom with children during a visit to Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn., Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

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## U.S. announces billions to help farmers hurt by Trump tariffs



Farmer Tim Novotny, of Wahoo, shreds male corn plants in a field of seed corn, in Wahoo, Neb., Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

Associated Press

By **KEN THOMAS, PAUL WISEMAN and LISA MASCARO**  
 Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Trump administration announced Tuesday it will provide \$12 billion in emer-

gency relief to ease the pain of American farmers slammed by President Donald Trump's escalating trade disputes with China and other countries.

However, some farm-state

Republicans quickly dismissed the plan, declaring that farmers want markets for their crops, not payoffs for lost sales and lower prices. The Agriculture Department said it would tap an existing program to provide billions in direct payments to farmers and ranchers hurt by foreign retaliation to Trump's tariffs.

With congressional elections coming soon, the government action underscored administration concern about damage to U.S. farmers from Trump's trade tariffs and the potential for losing House and Senate seats in the Midwest and elsewhere.

The administration said the program was just temporary.

"This is a short-term solu-

tion that will give President Trump and his administration the time to work on long-term trade deals," said Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue as administration officials argued that the plan was not a "bailout" of the nation's farmers.

But that provided little solace to rank-and-file Republicans, who said the tariffs are simply taxes and warned the action would open a Pandora's box for other sectors of the economy. "I want to know what we're going to say to the automobile manufacturers and the petrochemical manufacturers and all the other people who are being hurt by tariffs," said Sen. John Kennedy, R-La. "You've got to treat everybody the same."

Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., said the plan would spend billions on "gold crutches," adding, "America's farmers don't want to be paid to lose — they want to win by feeding the world. This administration's tariffs and bailouts aren't going to make America great again, they're just going to make it 1929 again."

The program is expected to start taking effect around Labor Day. Officials said the direct payments could help producers of soybeans, which have been hit hard by retaliation to the Trump tariffs, along with sorghum, corn, wheat, cotton, dairy and farmers raising hogs.

The food purchased from farmers would include some types of fruits, nuts, rice, legumes, dairy products, beef and pork, officials said.

Trump did not specifically reference the plan during a speech to veterans in Kansas City, but asked for patience as he attempts to

renegotiate trade agreements that he said have hurt American workers.

"We're making tremendous progress. They're all coming. They don't want to have those tariffs put on them," Trump told the Veterans of Foreign Wars national convention. "We're opening up markets. You watch what's going to happen. Just be a little patient." Agriculture officials said they would not need congressional approval and the money would come through the Commodity Credit Corporation, a wing of the department that addresses agricultural prices.

The officials said payments couldn't be calculated until after harvests come in. Brad Karmen, the USDA's assistant deputy administrator for farm programs, noted that the wheat harvest is already in, so wheat farmers could get payments sooner than other growers.

Soybeans are likely to be the largest sector affected by the programs. Soybean prices have plunged 18 percent in the past two months.

Trump declared earlier Tuesday that "Tariffs are the greatest!" and threatened to impose additional penalties on U.S. trading partners as he prepared for negotiations with European officials at the White House. Tariffs are taxes on imports. They are meant to protect domestic businesses and put foreign competitors at a disadvantage. But the taxes also exact a toll on U.S. businesses and consumers, which pay more for imported products.

The Trump administration has slapped tariffs on \$34 billion in Chinese goods in a dispute over Beijing's high-tech industrial policies. □



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## San Francisco to consider outlawing plastic straws, stirrers

By JANIE HAR  
Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — In a bid to further cut down on waste, eco-conscious San Francisco is expected to join Seattle in outlawing plastic straws used to suck down Mai Tais and slurp up bubble tea.

The proposal, to be taken up by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, also would make the novel move to ban vendors from using takeout containers made with fluorinated chemicals. Washington's governor recently signed legislation approving a possible ban to go into effect in 2022, but San Francisco's January 2020 deadline would be earlier.

The legislation prohibits eateries from using plastic anti-splashers, stirrers and other plastic items that environmentalists say are too small to be recycled properly.

Retailers would no longer be able to sell the items starting July 2019. In addition, food and drink vendors would be allowed to dispense cutlery, napkins, condiments and lids only on request or through self-serve stations.

People with disabilities have spoken out against the plastic straw ban, saying customers with mobility issues rely on the tubes to drink and paper or metal straws aren't always appropriate. But businesses in politically progressive San Francisco appear to be largely in support, with Supervisor Katy Tang announcing the legislation at a popular bubble milk tea shop in May.

"It's a movement not just happening in San Francisco but nationally and internationally," said Peter Gallotta, spokesman for the city's Department of Environment. "The larger elephant in the room is the single-use disposable culture we find ourselves in, and straws are the epitome of this unnecessary daily waste."

The Washington, D.C.-based Plastics Industry Association issued a statement Monday saying a better solution is to expand recycling technology. "Regardless of what a straw is made of, we can all agree that it should not end up as litter," it said.

Seattle is believed to be the first major U.S. city to shun plastic straws when its ban went into effect this month. Since then, the world's largest coffee shop and hotel chains — Starbucks and Marriott — announced they too would move away from plastic straws and stirrers.

San Francisco has frequently led the way on policies considered eco-friendly. In 2007, it outlawed single-use plastic bags and in 2016, expanded its prohibition on foam food carryout containers to include retail sales of kiddie pool toys and packing peanuts.

Tuesday's legislation calls for to-go containers and



This July 17, 2018 photo shows wrapped plastic straws at a bubble tea cafe in San Francisco.

Associated Press

wrappers to be free of fluorinated chemicals. The chemicals are used to ward off grease, but the chemicals do not degrade, said Jen Jackson, toxics reduction manager at the San Francisco Department of Environment.

"It doesn't compost," she said, "so it will remain and continue to accumulate in the environment."

Jonathan Corley, spokesman for the American Chemistry Council, a trade association, said Monday that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has deemed the chemicals currently used to package

to-go food is safe.






"This potential ban is unnecessary, contrary to sound science and will provide no further benefits to public health or the environment," he said in a statement.

Gwyneth Borden, executive director of the Golden Gate Restaurant Association, said restaurateurs have no desire to pass on toxins through carryout containers. But the higher cost of compostable fluorinated-free containers will drive businesses to return to recyclable plastic containers, she said. □

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## Colleges face petitions, protests to split with ICE

By COLLIN BINKLEY  
Associated Press

Some colleges are being pressured to cut ties with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement amid public outcries over the separation of migrant families along the nation's southern border.

Northeastern University, Johns Hopkins University and Vermont's system of public colleges have contracts with ICE totaling about \$4 million this year for research and training services.

The schools argue that their work has nothing to do with ICE's role along the border, but some on campus say the agency's recent actions clash with school values and that preserving any relationship amounts to a tacit endorsement. Some students and faculty have been circulating petitions and organizing protests over the contracts.

"People care about what Hopkins stands for," said Drew Daniel, who teaches English at the Baltimore school and started an on-line petition opposing its deals with ICE. "You want that degree to stand for a certain set of values, a certain commitment, and I think there's frustration that this relationship compromises those values."

The schools facing backlash are among at least six currently contracted by ICE, and at least 20 that have worked with the



In this July 11, 2018 file photo, students and community activists rally at Northeastern University in Boston demanding the school cancel a multimillion-dollar research contract with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Northeastern was hired by ICE to research U.S. technology exports.

agency in the past, according to federal spending data. Their work has ranged from counterterrorism training and evidence testing to leases for campus parking spots.

Activists across the country have taken aim at ICE over the forced separation of children under the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" policy toward those who illegally cross the border. The administration says "under 3,000" children had been separated from their families before it stopped the practice.

Many children were sent to detention centers overseen

by ICE, including some that have been accused of abusing detainees or keeping them in squalid conditions.

Relatively few of the agency's contracts go to colleges, with far more going to businesses including Motorola and Deloitte, where some employees have also called for a break with the agency. Over the last decade, colleges have received roughly \$11.5 million from ICE, compared to \$12 billion that went to businesses, according to federal data.

Johns Hopkins, which has received \$6.5 million from

ICE, partners to provide leadership training and medical instruction to agency employees. Part of that has included \$1 million used to send ICE officials to Gettysburg National Battleground for leadership "staff rides" led by Hopkins experts.

Borrowed from the military, the staff rides are a type of exercise meant to teach leadership by analyzing key decision made in battle. Dennis O'Shea, a spokesman for Hopkins, said the agreements with ICE are part of the university's broader effort to provide training to several federal agencies. He declined to comment on the petition against ICE, saying officials have not yet received it.

Officials at ICE declined to comment on the pushback but denied any role in the separation of families. Matthew Bourke, an agency spokesman, said the policy was created by the Justice Department and enforced

by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, a separate agency under the Department of Homeland Security.

At Northeastern University in Boston, protesters gathered on campus this month calling for an immediate end to the school's ICE contract. The \$2.7 million deal supports a research project studying U.S. technology exports that could help terrorists or other criminals abroad. The criminologist leading the project, Glenn Pierce, said it ends this year and won't be renewed by ICE.

Still, school officials defended the work and rebuffed the idea of turning down research funding.

"Efforts to restrict which federal agencies a faculty member can approach for research funding are antithetical to academic freedom," said Renata Nyul, a school spokeswoman. "We hope everyone can agree to support freedom of academic inquiry — most importantly members of our own faculty."

The Vermont State Colleges System received about \$34,000 from ICE this year for leadership and financial accounting training attended by ICE staff at Vermont Technical College. Amanda Chaulk, a spokeswoman for the school, said the programs are not related to policing or enforcement and that the school has not been asked to provide any additional training.

But some students in the system were nonetheless angered by the tie. Mackenzie Murdoch, a sophomore at Northern Vermont University, is circulating a petition urging administrators to sever all ties with the agency, which Murdoch describes as immoral. □

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## FBI joins hunt for missing University of Iowa student

**BROOKLYN, Iowa (AP)** — State and federal agents are investigating the disappearance of a 20-year-old University of Iowa student who has been missing for nearly a week from her hometown in eastern Iowa. Volunteer searches for Mollie Tibbetts, of Brooklyn, were called off this week as the FBI and state investigators took over, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation spokesman Mitch Mortvedt said Tuesday. "We're still asking for the public's help," Mortvedt said. "We'd like to get any information we can. The more eyes and ears we have, the better." Mortvedt said officials have

little to go on, but they're "leaning more and more toward something happening to her against her will." Television station KCRG reported Tibbetts was staying at her boyfriend's home at the time of her disappearance. She was there to watch his dogs because he had a construction job about 100 miles northeast in Dubuque. A neighbor reported seeing Tibbetts going for a jog last Wednesday evening. The boyfriend, Dalton Jack, told the station he received a Snapchat photo from Tibbetts late Wednesday night, after she would have returned to the home from

her jog. She was reported missing Thursday when she didn't show up for work. Mortvedt said FBI and Iowa investigators are concentrating on areas around Brooklyn that Tibbetts has known to have gone to in the past. The FBI is also using an array of computer forensics — such as studying online history and cellphone app usage — in an effort to pinpoint where she might be, he said. "This could shake out a bunch of different ways," Mortvedt said. "We are hoping and praying for the best outcome." □



This undated photo released by the Iowa Department of Criminal Investigation shows Mollie Tibbetts, a University of Iowa student who was reported missing from her hometown in the eastern Iowa city of Brooklyn on Thursday, July 19, 2018.

Associated Press

## Judge questions state of justice for pizza-worker immigrant

By LARRY NEUMEISTER  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A federal judge asked Tuesday if the U.S. government has "any concept of justice" in mind as he questioned the need to deport an Ecuadorean immigrant detained while delivering pizza to a Brooklyn Army installation and now kept apart from his American wife and two young children.

Judge Paul A. Crotty put a government lawyer on the spot as he heard legal arguments over whether a court in New Jersey or New York should help decide the fate of Pablo Villavicencio, who failed to obey a 2010 deportation order before marrying a U.S. citizen and making a life in America.

He did not immediately rule, but he questioned the motivations behind the government's decisions to put Villavicencio, 35, on the brink of expulsion.

"Well, the powerful are doing what they want, and the poor are suffering what they must," Crotty said after hearing Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Cordaro defend the government's actions.

"I mean, is there any concept of justice here or are we just doing this because we want to?" the judge asked. "Why do we want to enforce the order? It makes no difference in terms of the larger issues facing the country." □

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## Officials: no risk to national security in Toronto rampage

By **ROB GILLIES**  
**TAMARA LUSH**  
Associated Press

**TORONTO (AP)** — Canadian investigators said Tuesday there was no national security risk following the mass shooting that killed two people and wounded 13, as they continued to probe the life of the 29-year-old gunman for clues to what prompted the deadly rampage in a popular Toronto neighborhood.

The assailant, Faisal Hussain, died after an exchange of gunfire with police. His family has said he suffered from lifelong "severe mental health challenges" but they never imagined he would do such a thing. It was not immediately clear whether he took his own life or was killed by police during the attack Sunday night.

"At this stage, based on the state of the investigation, which is led by the Toronto police service, there is no connection between that individual and national security," Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said. The mass shooting in Toronto's Greektown neighborhood stunned people in a normally safe city, already unsettled by an attack just three months ago when a man used a van to plow over pedestrians on a downtown sidewalk, killing 10 people and injuring 14 in an attack apparently aimed at women.

Hussain's family issued a statement saying their son had a long history of psychosis and depression and had not responded to numerous treatment ap-



Desirae Shapiro, 19 and her mother, Gina Shapiro, friends of 18-year-old Danforth shooting victim, mourn after visiting memorial, Monday, July 23, 2018, in Toronto.

Associated Press

proaches, including therapy and medication.

"While we did our best to seek help for him throughout his life of struggle and pain, we could never imagine that this would be his devastating and destructive end," the family said. "Our hearts are in pieces for the victims and for our city as we all come to grips with this terrible tragedy. We will mourn those who were lost for the rest of our lives." Investigators searched the low-income apartment that Hussain shared with his parents and siblings on Thorncliffe Park Drive in the eastern part of the city, and removed boxes of potential evidence overnight. An autopsy on Hussain was expected Tuesday. Where Hussain got his handgun remains unknown.

Canada overhauled its gun-control laws after the country's worst mass shooting in 1989, when gunman Marc Lepine killed 14 women and himself at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique college. It is now illegal to possess an unregistered handgun or any kind of rapid-fire weapon. Canada also requires training, a personal risk assessment, two references, spousal notification and criminal record checks. During a debate in City Council on Tuesday, Councilman Joe Cressy asked if Toronto could outright ban guns and was informed it would be up to the federal government to change the laws. Mayor John Tory has also questioned why anybody would need a gun in Toronto and said he sup-

ported a motion urging the federal government to ban the sale of handguns in Toronto.

"People in the city of Toronto don't need handguns," Tory said.

Canadians have long taken comfort in the peacefulness of their communities and are nervous about anything that might indicate they are moving closer to their American counterparts.

Still, though mass shootings are rare in Canada's largest city, Toronto police had deployed dozens of additional officers over the weekend to deal with a recent rise in gun violence. The city has seen 23 gun homicides so far this year, compared to 16 fatal shootings in the first half of 2017.

Police Chief Mark Saunders

said he would not speculate on the motive for Sunday's attack. "We do not know why this has happened yet," he said. "It's going to take some time."

Among those killed, was 18-year-old Reese Fallon, a recent high school graduate who volunteered for Canada's Liberal Party and was to attend McMaster University in the fall. Officials did not identify the other fatality, a 10-year-old girl, or name any of the 13 wounded, who included six women and girls, and seven men. The wounded ranged in age from 17 to 59.

Anthony Parise, who taught Fallon's Grade 12 English class, remembered her as "a leader among her peers" who planned to become a nurse.

"She was so excited to be accepted into the McMaster program for nursing. I know that her plan was to become a mental health nurse," he said.

Flags at Toronto City Hall as well as at Fallon's former high school, Malvern CI, were lowered to half-staff. According to videos and witness accounts, the assailant, clad all in black, was seen walking quickly down a sidewalk on Danforth Avenue, firing a handgun into shops and restaurants in Greektown, a district of expensive homes, eateries and cafes.

At the corner of Danforth and Logan, where some of the shots were fired, about 50 people milled about on a small square Monday evening, talking in several languages. □



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## Philippine rebel chief: 30,000 rebels to be disarmed in deal

By JIM GOMEZ

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** — The leader of the largest Muslim rebel group in the Philippines said Tuesday that 30,000 to 40,000 armed fighters would be "decommissioned" if an autonomy deal that is expected to be signed into law by the president this week is fully enforced.

Al Haj Murad Ebrahim, chairman of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, said six of the largest guerrilla camps in the south were already being converted into "productive civilian communities" to help the insurgents return to normal life.

Clad in a business suit, Murad appealed to the international community to contribute to a trust fund to be used to finance the insurgents' transition from decades of waging one of Asia's longest rebellions.

"We will decommission our forces, the entire forces," Murad said at a news con-



Al Haj Murad Ebrahim, chairman of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, answers questions during forum with the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines in Manila, Philippines on Tuesday July 24, 2018.

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ference in Manila. He said his guerrilla group has told the government how many fighters it has, although he

declined to immediately cite the number of weapons that "will be put beyond use."

The military has put the Moro rebel group's size at a much lower 11,000 fighters. Murad, who used to head

the rebels' large combat force, welcomed the ratification by the House of Representatives on Tuesday of the Muslim autonomy deal after a one-day delay caused by a chaotic leadership change in Congress. The legislation, which was ratified by the Senate on Monday, is to be sent to President Rodrigo Duterte for signing in a day or two. The bill seeks to replace an existing poverty- and conflict-wracked autonomous region with a potentially larger, better-funded and more powerful region named Bangsamoro for minority Muslims in the southern third of the largely Roman Catholic nation. The autonomy deal is the latest significant attempt by the government to negotiate an end to nearly half a century of on-and-off Muslim fighting that has left more than 120,000 people dead and hampered development in the country's poorest regions. □



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# Charges of rigging, intimidation mar Pakistan campaign

By KATHY GANNON

**ISLAMABAD (AP)** — As Pakistan prepares to make history Wednesday by electing a third straight civilian government, rights activists, analysts and candidates say the campaign has been among its dirtiest ever, imperiling the country's wobbly transition to democratic rule.

The campaign has been characterized by "blatant, aggressive and unabashed attempts to manipulate" the outcome, with media being silenced and the intimidation of candidates, according to Pakistan's Independent Human Rights Commission.

At the center of most allegations is the powerful military establishment, along with its intelligence agency, known by the acronym ISI.

The manipulation is seen as seeking to prevent the Pakistan Muslim League, the party of disgraced Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, from returning to power, while giving a shot at running the country to former cricket star Imran Khan and



In this July 22, 2018, file photo, supporters of Pakistani politician Imran Khan attend his election rally in Karachi, Pakistan.

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his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, or PTI.

The rancorous campaign and charges of manipulation have polarized Pakistanis, and whichever party loses is likely to cry fraud.

"Whatever way elections run, I see a lot of instability," said Ayesha Siddiqi, a defense analyst and author of "Military Inc.," about the

massive financial holdings of Pakistan's military.

The military has ruled the country of more than 200 million people — directly or indirectly — for most of its history. Successive attempts at protracted democracy have been interrupted by military coups, the last one in 1999.

Pakistanis went to the polls in 2008 and elected their first civilian government in 12 years.

"This is quite a schizophrenic moment for Pakistan's democracy," said Moeed Yusuf, associate vice president of the Asia Center at the Washington-based U.S. Institute of Peace.

"On the one hand, you have completing 10 years of uninterrupted democratic rule. ... On the other hand, you've got all sorts of allegations of pre-poll rigging and manipulation."

The left-leaning Pakistan People's Party was propelled to victory in 2008 by sympathetic voters following the death of their leader Benazir Bhutto, killed by militant radicals she had vowed to eradicate.

Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League, or PML-N, won in 2013, but he fell out with the military after questioning its links to some militant groups and seeking to make it subservient to parliament.

He was ousted last year after leaked documents from a Panama law firm revealed

he and his family had undisclosed assets abroad. He was found guilty of corruption, banned from politics for life and sentenced to 10 years in jail, where he is appealing his conviction. His brother, Shahbaz Sharif, took over the party's helm.

"The shadow of the military looming over the election amplifies the continued struggles of democracy in Pakistan," said Michael Kugelman, deputy director of the Asia Program at the U.S.-based Wilson Center. "Allegations of army meddling and the fact that troops will be deployed on mass levels on election day make it crystal clear that this election process is not entirely a civilian-led process." At the request of the Election Commission of Pakistan, the military is deploying 350,000 soldiers to polling stations nationwide. Leading rights activist I.A. Rehman said it was worrying that soldiers will be positioned inside booths where votes are cast.

The campaign also has been rattled by violence, with candidates from several parties targeted. An attack claimed by the Islamic State group earlier this month in southwestern Baluchistan province killed 149 people, including a parliamentary candidate. Another 300 people were wounded.

On the eve of elections,

militants lobbed grenades and opened fire at a military convoy escorting election staffers and voting material in the district of Turbat on the eve of the elections, killing four troops.

Tuesday's attack also wounded nine troops and four civilians, according to two intelligence officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

An unprecedented number of radical religious parties also are participating in the election, including some that have been banned but are running under new names. Violent Sunni militant groups that vow to rid Pakistan of its minority Shiites are seeking election, and candidates from both the PTI and PML-N have been seen courting them. In some areas, candidates have been intimidated into not running.

"It is worrying how strategically religion is being used as a tool to come into power by a large number of candidates," said Samar Minallah Khan, a human rights activist and documentary filmmaker. "Political parties are paying homage to banned outfits, handing out party tickets to people who in the past have been putting lives of activists and minorities under threat through their television programs, spewing hatred and violence. It seems the priority is to win, no matter what."

There are 85,307 polling stations across Pakistan and more than 11,000 candidates are vying for 270 seats in parliament and 570 seats in four provincial assemblies. Voting for two parliament seats and six seats in provincial assemblies has been postponed for a later date, due to attacks on candidates or disqualifications. One candidate in the Sindh provincial assembly was unopposed and has already secured that seat.

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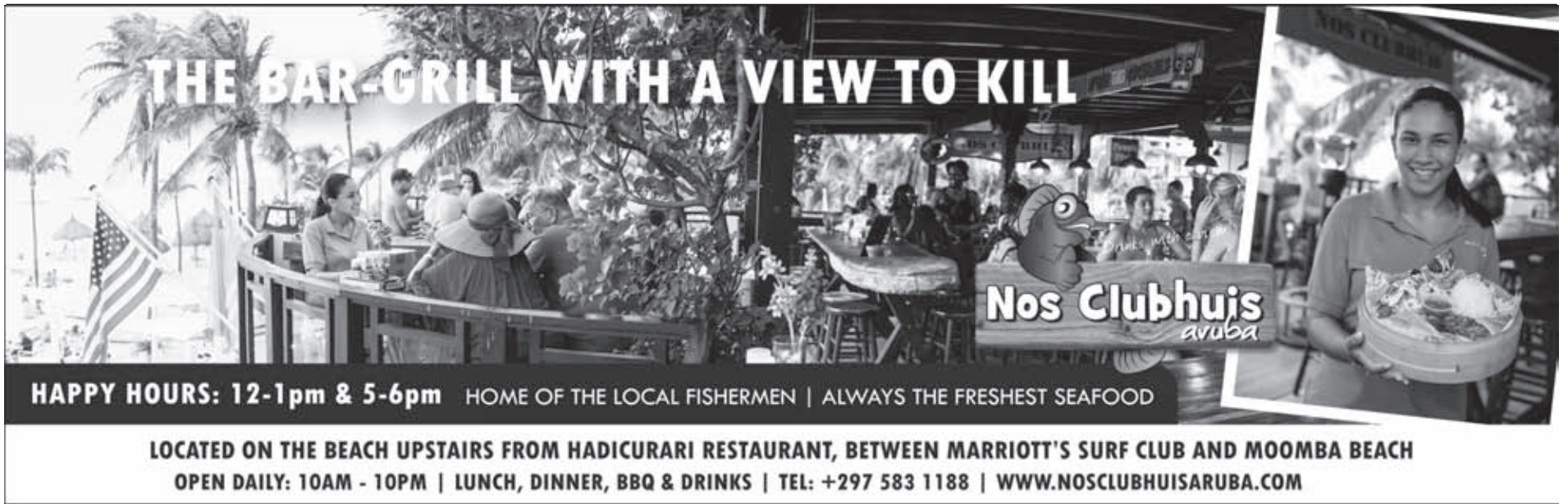
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## Flooding from Laos hydroelectric dam leaves hundreds missing

**BANGKOK (AP)** — Massive flooding from a South Korean-constructed hydroelectric dam in Laos left several people dead and hundreds missing, state media said Tuesday. Rescue efforts were underway as top government officials rushed to the site and public appeals were launched for aid.

The official Lao news agency KPL said part of the Xepian-Xe Nam Noy hydropower dam in southeastern Attapeu province collapsed Monday evening, releasing large amounts of water that swept away houses, flooded villages and made more than 6,600 people homeless.

The website of the state-run Vientiane Times newspaper said two people were confirmed dead as of Tuesday afternoon and the government had declared the area an emergency disaster zone. It said continued rain and strong winds predicted for the next few days could make the situation worse.

KPL said the disaster "left hundreds of people missing," without providing details.

Many areas of Laos have recently been hit by floods from heavy seasonal rains. The dam was built by a joint venture led by two South Korean companies with Thai and Lao partners, and was still under construction. SK Engineering & Construction, one of the two South Korean partners, said in a statement that "part of the upper area" of one of five auxiliary dams at the project "got swept away"



Villagers take refuge on a rooftop above flood waters from a collapsed dam in the Attapeu district of southeastern Laos, Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

Associated Press

Sunday night after several days of heavy rain. It said the auxiliary dam consisted mainly of earth and rock. SK E&C said repair work was hampered by heavy rain, and damage to the dam worsened on Monday, causing water to overflow and flood seven out of 12 villages in the area. The company said it joined rescue efforts and was trying to contain further damage. Photos and videos posted on social media showed people sitting on rooftops to escape the surging water, while others were carried to safety or rescued by boat. State media said helicopters were also being used to rescue people.

Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith suspended his government's planned Cabinet meeting and traveled with fellow ministers and other senior officials to Sanamxay

district to monitor rescue and relief efforts, KPL and the Vientiane Times reported.

Provincial authorities issued a call for emergency aid — clothing, food, drinking water, medicine, cash and other items — from the "party, government organizations, business community, officials, police and military forces and people of all strata."

Laos is one of the poorest countries in Asia. It has transitioned from communism to a market economy but remains a single-party state where freedoms are limited. There is virtually no freedom of the press, and foreign reporters who visit operate under tight restrictions, limiting the flow of information. Electricity from several hydroelectric dams provides a large share of Laos' export earnings, with

Thailand being a major buyer. KPL said the Xepian-Xe Nam Noy project cost an estimated \$1.02 billion. Much of the financing came from Thai lenders.

According to the website of the company that built and runs the dam, it is majority-owned by SK E&C and Korea Western Power. The Ratchaburi Electricity Generating Holding Public Co. Ltd. of Thailand holds a 25 percent stake and the Lao Holding State Enterprise holds 24 percent. The dam was built to divert the Houay Makchanh, Xe-Namnoy and Xe-Pian rivers into reservoirs that feed into a 410-megawatt power plant that is due to begin operations in 2019. □



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# Brazilian student, 3 others killed in Nicaragua amid unrest

By **LUIS MANUEL GALEANO**  
Associated Press

**MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP)** — A Brazilian medical student and three other people have been killed amid unrest that has rocked this Central American nation for over three months, her university and a human rights group reported Tuesday.

Rayneia Lima, whose age varied between 29 and 31 in different reports, was riding in a vehicle in the capital Monday night when it was riddled by bullets that struck several vital organs, said Ernesto Medina, rector of the American University of Managua. Medina said the shots came from armed pro-government civilians who have taken over the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua since July 13, as she was traveling near that campus.

He added that Lima was a sixth-year student and practicing resident at the police-run Carlos Roberto Huembes Hospital in Managua. In a statement, Nicaragua's National Police attributed her death to a "private security guard," saying he



**Demonstrators a march demanding the ouster of President Daniel Ortega and the release of political prisoners, in Managua, Nicaragua, Monday, July 23, 2018.**

Associated Press

opened fire "under circumstances that have not yet been determined." Brazil's Foreign Ministry expressed its "profound indignation" over the killing and said it was seeking clarification from Nicaragua's government.

"The Brazilian government again condemns the deepening repression, the disproportionate and lethal

use of force and the use of paramilitary groups in operations coordinated by security forces," the ministry said in a statement. It urged Nicaragua to punish those responsible for the killing and also "to guarantee the free exercise of individual rights and public liberties."

According to the non-governmental Nicaraguan Pro-

Human Rights Association, at least 351 people have been killed in political unrest that erupted in April. What began as protests against proposed social security cuts later broadened into calls for President Daniel Ortega to leave office after security forces and pro-government civilian militias began a deadly crackdown.

Alvaro Leiva, the association's director, said Monday that three people were killed, 25 wounded and 15 detained Monday in the city of Jinotega when police and paramilitaries attacked protest barricades. The violence came hours after Ortega said in an interview with Fox News that the country was returning to normal.

"The disturbances have ceased over the last week in the country and things are on course for normalization," the president said in his first interview with an independent news outlet in nine years.

He also rejected calls for early elections and denied having any responsibility for attacks on Roman Catholic clergy or killings of civilians, blaming the violence on his political opponents and foreign interests.

That is counter to what international organizations and Nicaraguan rights groups have documented. Last week the Organization of American States adopted a resolution condemning human rights abuses committed by Nicaraguan security forces and their armed civilian backers. □

# Ex-Guantanamo detainee leaves Uruguay, heads to Turkey

**MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP)** — A former Guantanamo detainee who has been unhappy with resettlement in Uruguay has once again left the South American nation, an official said Tuesday.

Abu Wa'el Dhiab went to Turkey in late June, said Christian Mirza, the government's liaison with six ex-Guantanamo Bay inmates resettled in Uruguay. Mirza said that it's unclear if the Syrian native is still in Turkey or if he was deported.

"Some reports say that he was deported to Syria, but I haven't been able to confirm that," Mirza told The Associated Press.

Immigration authorities have no record of when or how Dhiab left Uruguay, leading authorities to believe he slipped across the



**In this Sept. 30, 2016 file photo, former Guantanamo detainee Syrian Abu Wa'el Dhiab listens to question as he holds press conference at his apartment in Montevideo, Uruguay.**

Associated Press

border to Brazil before he traveled to Turkey, Mirza said. If he was deported to Syria, "it would be in violation of the refugee status," he said.

Uruguay took Dhiab in along with five other for-

mer prisoners at the U.S. detention center for terror suspects in 2014. But he has expressed unhappiness about being in Uruguay and has gone on hunger strikes demanding he be allowed to leave and meet

with his family abroad. The Uruguayan government has said Dhiab is free to travel, but it cannot force another country to take him.

Last year, Dhiab returned to Uruguay after being deported from Morocco, where he had arrived with a false passport. He also tried to board a flight to Russia but was turned away because he lacked an entry visa. In 2016, he attempted to enter South Africa. Earlier that year, he also went missing for weeks before turning up in Venezuela. Officials say Turkey, Lebanon and Qatar have rejected taking in Dhiab.

In recent months, Dhiab had reportedly left his home in the Uruguayan capital and had been living in a northern city along

the border with Brazil that is home to a Middle Eastern community.

"He communicated with few people," said Dhiab's lawyer, Juan Segura.

The Syrian was detained as an enemy combatant with suspected ties to militants and was held for 12 years at Guantanamo, but he was never charged. He drew international attention by staging a lengthy hunger strike and frequently clashing with guards. The hunger strikes and forced feedings at Guantanamo left him with health problems, and he walks using crutches.

Mirza said that he sent a message to Dhiab. But "I don't even know if he took his cellphone and has coverage," he said. "It's like tossing a bottle with a message into the ocean." □



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I can be creative, make up my own menu not only with ingredients but also by using local products and combine the local taste with international flavors", Croes says to Aruba Today. The focus of the restaurant is on the Caribbean touch, therefore they prefer buying from local farmers and suppliers. "This gives an extra dimension to our guests as they really get to taste a part of Aruba." The best compliment the team received from an Aruban guest, living for more than 20 years outside of Aruba, saying with tears in his eyes: "This takes me back to my

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# Lars Stolk epic performance at the Alaskaman Extreme Triathlon 2018



**ALASKA —** Last Saturday took place the amazing Alaskaman Extreme Triathlon 2018 event, which consisted of 2.6 miles swim in temperatures of 10-13 degrees Celsius, a 113 miles bike ride with an elevation gain of almost 1330 meters and finishing with a 27.5 miles run with almost 2050 meters of elevation gain. This event is held every year in the beautiful nature and wilderness of Alaska. We had the opportunity to have Lars Stolk share with us his personal experience at this year amazing event.

## How did your training and preparation for this event go?

I started training 6 months ago and I decided to train specifically instead of hours and hours on the bike. I slept since February this year in my High Altitude Tent at home and I trained on the treadmill on High Altitude which gives me more oxygen and more red blood cells to become stronger. I didn't focus on interval training that much,

because my main focus was to finish. I laid down in ice baths every week to acclimatize on the cold water so my body wouldn't shake that much. I trained a lot of hours indoors with the bike, because outdoors is not safe with all the dogs and cars driving around. I ran a lot outdoor in combination with indoor running on the treadmill with a 12% inclination and with the Hypoxico Training Mask on.

## Did you have any specific diet or nutrition?

My wife Sheryl, who is a Holistic Lifestyle Coach and Nutritionist, helped me with my nutrition and Mr. Don Bislip from Natucura helped me also with my nutrition and recovery in combination with two treatments per week to recover faster during my training sessions. I needed to gain for this event because of the cold water, but that was hard because my metabolism is so fast.

## How did everything go be-

## fore, during and after this amazing event?

We drove more than 1200 miles in a few days to see the beautiful nature of Alaska. On Sunday I did a cold water swim of 1km in Hidden Lake and on Monday we hiked a 1.000m peak in Alaska. Friday morning we arrived back in Anchorage to pick up our last team member Ricardo and we drove to Seward to pick up the bib number and be there at the race briefing. Afterwards we checked in at the lodge at Resurrection Bay and ate something before I did my last preparations. I finished around 23.30 and tried to sleep a few hours because at 2 a.m. in the morning I needed to wake up. At 02.30 with less sleep we went to T1 to prepare my bike and afterwards the bus drove me to the Swim start. Just before 04.45 a.m. they started to play the National Anthem and afterwards we started.

The water temperature was around 14 degrees Celsius and my goggles became foggy the first 1km which was annoying. The water was freezing and my face and hands became numb. They told me at km 3 we will reach the waterfall and the temperature will drop down to 8 degrees Celsius. This water is from the glacier. I reached that point and my whole body became colder and my face started to hurt. Finally I saw the final orange buoy in the water but the last 400m the current and waves started

to come in. It took me an extra 5 minutes to get out of the water and I realized I swam 4.1km in 1 hour and 40 minutes. Some volunteers helped me out of the water, because I was disoriented and Sheryl and Ricky took over. I ran to T1 and I felt good. Sheryl took my wet clothes off and started to dress me. The shivering started and didn't stop for at least 10 minutes which cost me a lot of energy. Finally after 20 minutes I could get out of T1 and jump on my bike.

The bike course started off hard, because there was a lot of fog/mist coming into

the valley. The roads were very dangerous because of summer season there were a lot of trucks, cars and RV's on the road. Everywhere there were stones on the road and sometimes sand and rubber, this was a survival bike course. Safety was my priority number one. It took me 150km to warm up, because I couldn't feel my toes and hand anymore. I got a flat tire on the course also and eventually after 180km I finished my bike course in 6 hours and 48 minutes with an elevation of almost 1.500m.

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I entered T2 and Sheryl and Ricky changed me again in my Spartans trisuit. The weather changed into a hot day so I needed to sit down for 10 minutes before I could leave with my bag full of safety equipment including bear spray. I took off for my first 26 km which I ran alone. The sun was hot so I couldn't hold my pace. After 10km the Winner Creek trail started towards the hand tram and eventually we would run towards the Nordic Loop where I ran two loops. I encountered a bear and a moose with her baby moose. I was aware of the wildlife and I had my bear spray ready. The Nordic Loop was steep but I ran my first part in 3 hours and 58 minutes. I entered back in T2 and picked up Sheryl who was ready to join me for the last 16km to the summit of Mount Alyeska. You needed to have a support team to enter the mountain. After a few minutes we left T2 to start the last part. It started so steep

and it didn't end anymore until the summit. My belly couldn't digest no fluid and no nutrition anymore.

My lips were dry and I was talking weird. I knew those were the first symptoms of a heat-stroke. Sheryl took care of me and forced me to drink and pushed me all the way up to the summit. I sat a few times, because I was cautious but eventually we made it to the summit and the last aid station. Just 7km left which was all downhill. My whole body was sore but we made it down. We saw the crew and they send us down and we finished in style. We sat down for a few minutes and I asked for the time. My friend Dana told me I didn't finish. I forgot to take another exit. I spoke with the race crew and we needed to go up back to the ski lift and take a left. Mentally I was down, but we took our gear and went back up. We needed to do two small loops to finish. Those were the hardest two loops in the

race mentally. We finished again in a time of 16 hours and 25 minutes. I became an Alaskanman, something else than an Ironman. I finished 43rd place out of 187 participants. Our team (Sheryl & Ricardo) did it.

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# A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba

## Wednesday 25

### Carnaval Bingo

- Feeling lucky? Why not yell Bingooo !!! Experience what Aruba's Carnaval Bingo is all about
- Starts at 8 PM
- Crystal Theatre at Renaissance, Oranjestad
- Facebook Crystal Theatre at Renaissance



## Saturday 28

### Experience Sanicolas

- Ready to experience something different on your Saturday outing, consider San Nicolas...a short distance away...but a world of difference! A day filled with lots of activities, museum bus tour, good food, Sani market, arts & crafts and so much more.
- Starts at 9AM TILL 1PM
- SANICOLAS
- Facebook Experience Sanicolas



## Sunday 29

### Barrio Fest- Savaneta

- Discover what used to be the first capital of Aruba. Home of the fishermen. A day filled with activities for young and adults, game room, face painting, fresh fruits and vegetables, local food, learn methods from Ecoliving and much more.
- From 11 AM TILL 6 PM
- Centro di Barrio Savaneta
- Facebook Special Projects Aruba



## Thursday 26

### Karaoke Party

- Have you ever wanted to grab the mic and belt out a song? Most people love to sing in the shower - there, in the privacy of this super small venue, they are superstars. But now they can take their aspirations one step further and sing their hearts out. it will be one more great memory of your trip to Aruba
- From 4 PM – 6 PM
- Moomba Beach
- Facebook Moomba Beach



## Friday 27

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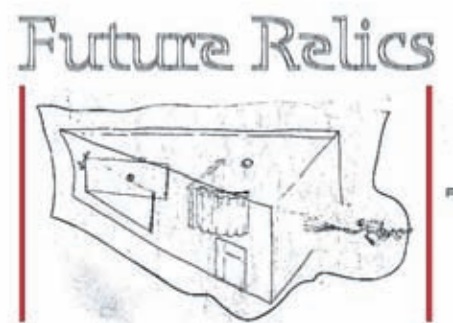
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- From 7 PM TILL 10 PM
- Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino
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## Monday 30

### Future Relics

- Exhibition opening Future Relics, Showing the works of the participants of the one month workshop, drawing and sculpture. Several visions and expressions will be presented in this exposition where archeology is the base of this exploration to make new sculptures and installations.
- 8 – 11 PM
- Ateliers '89 Academia Di Bellas Artes, Oranjestad
- Facebook Ateliers '89



## Tuesday 31

### Sunrise Beach Walk

- Mindful walk on the beach, guided by Wellness Specialist Mary-Ann.
- From 6:30 AM till 7:15 AM
- At Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort
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## Aruba Symphony Festival Continues Tonight at Café Casibari with a Jam Session

**ORANJESTAD —** Aruba Symphony Festival is not just about Beethoven, Brahms and Bach. It is music of all genres, music of all eras for people of all ages, countries and instruments, played by highly trained musicians. Tonight's jam session is proof of that.

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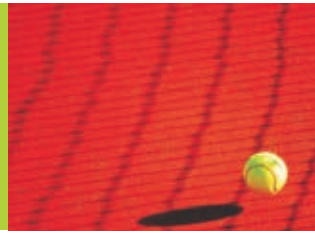
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# SPORTS



## Tiger good enough to win, just like everyone else

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland

(AP) — The British Open bustled with excitement as the occasion began to unfold, with mobile phones zooming in to capture the moment from the best angle available.

This wasn't on the golf course. It was in the media center.

The subject was a large, yellow leaderboard at the front of the room that showed Tiger Woods alone at the top in the final round. Some journalists at Carnoustie had never witnessed Woods win a major. Those who had wondered if they would ever see it again. It didn't last.

Woods stumbled with a double bogey on No. 11. He dropped another shot on the next hole. Just like that, he had eight players ahead of him, three more than he had to climb past when he teed off Sunday. Maybe next time, and that's not far away.

The PGA Championship starts Aug. 9 at Bellerive in St. Louis, where Woods has played once in a practice round ahead of the American Express Championship.

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# JUST JOSHIN'

## Harrison, Polanco power Pirates past Indians, Kluber 7-0

Pittsburgh Pirates' Josh Harrison looks up after hitting a three-run home run off Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Corey Kluber in the second inning of a baseball game, Monday, July 23, 2018, in Cleveland. Josh Bell and David Freese scored on the play.

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# Love-fest: Cavs sign Kevin Love to 4-year, \$120M extension

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP)

— Kevin Love signed his new contract and proudly put on a hard hat.

The Cleveland Cavaliers will rebuild around him.

The All-Star forward made a long-term commitment to the franchise on Tuesday by signing a four-year, \$120 million extension with the Cavaliers, who believe Love can help them stay competitive following LeBron James' departure.

The 29-year-old Love, who was nearly traded twice by Cleveland, signed the extension in front of dozens of construction workers inside Quicken Loans Arena, the team's downtown home, which is undergoing a \$140 million renovation not unlike the makeover taking place with the four-time defending Eastern Conference champions.

The symbolic moment wasn't lost on Love, who came to Cleveland four years ago to join James and Kyrie Irving and form the Cavs' "Big 3."

It's now his team.

"I look back, everything happens for a reason," Love said. "My best friend from back home said, 'It always works out.' This is where I wanted to be. I've said that all along. There were some tough times where potentially I would have been traded and my name came up in rumors every few months. But hopefully that ends now."

Love didn't know when he arrived at the arena that he would be meeting with carpenters, electricians, plumbers and team employees to celebrate his signing. General manager Koby Altman wanted to surprise him.

Moments after signing, Love took a selfie with the workers and posted it on Instagram.

"It wasn't even my idea, but I thought it was great," Love said. "I had all the people behind me. It's almost like, to me it's not a rebuild, because we have talent,

we have championship-caliber guys, and we have young and fresh guys that are going to be willing to learn and come along in this league.

"I think guys putting on their hard hats and coming to work every day — that has to be the identity to our team, and I think we have guys that are cut from that cloth and are going to be willing to go out there and prove themselves."

Love will make \$24.1 million next season before the extension begins, making his contract worth \$145 million over five years. Love waived his option for 2019-20 and there are no other options or trade clauses within the new deal.

He will be paid \$28.9 million in 2019-20, \$31.3 million in 2020-21 and 2021-22, and \$28.8 million in 2022-23.

The deal gives Love obvious financial security, and it locks up an elite player for the Cavaliers, who want to avoid stumbling the way they did when James left the first time in free agency in 2010.

As the NBA waited for James to make his move earlier this month, Love was with friends on Long Island when he got word that his teammate was bound for LA.

"I was kind of just sitting there in a crowd of people and I go, 'Huh, OK, well, let me go call Koby,'" Love said. "Koby actually ended up calling me and made a couple calls and we need to figure some things out, but here we go, let's build this thing."

Love, who will turn 30 in September, just completed his fourth season with Cleveland, which was swept by Golden State in the Finals. And although James is elsewhere, Love believes that with him and young players like rookie guard Collin Sexton, forwards Cedi Osman and Larry Nance and others, Cleveland can remain more than competitive.

"You lose the best player in the world, you have to form a new identity," he said. "But

I think in some cases what we lose in identity we will make up but we also have in culture. We've always had a culture here that has been very hard working. ... I think we're going to see a lot of guys really having fun and being themselves and playing really hard-nosed basketball."

Altman said it wasn't long after James announced he wasn't coming back that he made his commitment to Love. "Right after LeBron decided to leave, I called Kevin first," Altman said. "I said: 'Kev, I'm not trading you. I want you to be here and I want you to be a part of this thing,' and he was all in then, too. He's never wa-



In this June 3, 2018, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers forward Kevin Love, center, shoots against Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant during the first half of Game 2 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif.

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vered in his commitment, not once in the four years since we traded for him and not once this summer and, to me, that's really, re-

ally meaningful.

"He wants to be a part of this franchise and be the leader. I think he's earned that." □



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## Poncedeleon dazzles in debut but Reds rally past Cardinals

**By The Associated Press**  
**CINCINNATI (AP)** — St. Louis starter Daniel Poncedeleon made a sensational debut 14 months after suffering a severe head injury, throwing no-hit ball for seven innings Monday night before Eugenio Suarez led the Cincinnati Reds' two-out rally in the ninth for a 2-1 victory over the Cardinals.

Suarez's two-out, solo homer off Bud Norris (3-3) tied it 1-1. The closer then loaded the bases on a pair of singles and a walk, and pinch-hitter Dilson Herrera singled to end the Reds' losing streak at four games. Jared Hughes (3-3) pitched the ninth.

The late rally overshadowed Poncedeleon's incredible comeback.

The 26-year-old right-hander was hit on the right temple by a line drive while pitching for Triple-A Memphis on May 9 last year, fracturing his skull and causing bleeding in the brain. He had emergency surgery followed by months of slow recovery.

Poncedeleon was one of the top pitchers in the Pacific Coast League when St. Louis called him up Monday to help their injury-depleted rotation. He walked three and struck out three, threw 116 pitches and gave way to a pinch-hitter in the eighth with St. Louis up 1-0.

### PIRATES 7, INDIANS 0, 6 INNINGS

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Josh Harrison hit a three-run homer and Gregory Polanco had a two-run triple off Corey Kluber in his return, and Pittsburgh beat Cleveland in a six-inning, rain-shortened game for its 10th straight win.

The game was called following three rain delays that totaled 2 hours, 3 minutes. The first pitch was de-



St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Daniel Poncedeleon (62) throws against the Cincinnati Reds during the first inning of a baseball game, Monday, July 23, 2018, in Cincinnati.

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layed 55 minutes, and a delay of 27 minutes followed in the third inning. The final delay was 41 minutes.

Kluber (12-6), starting for the first time since July 12 because of a sore right knee, was charged with seven runs — three earned — in four innings. The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner gave up nine hits, struck out two and threw 72 pitches.

Trevor Williams (8-7) pitched six shutout innings for the Pirates, who have won 10 in a row for the first time since June 26-July 5, 2004.

### DODGERS 7, PHILLIES 6

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Max Muncy, Yasmani Grandal, Chris Taylor and Joc Pederson hit solo homers and Alex Verdugo scored the tiebreaking run on a wild pitch in the top of the ninth inning, lifting Los Angeles over Philadelphia in a matchup of division leaders.

Maikel Franco hit a pair of solo homers and Rhys Hoskins and Odubel Her-

rera also went deep for the Phillies.

Verdugo led off the ninth with a walk against closer Seranthony Dominguez (1-3). Pederson followed with a single. After Manny Machado struck out, Muncy walked. Verdugo scored when catcher Jorge Alfaro couldn't catch Dominguez's outside pitch. Dominguez exited after walking Grandal. Matt Kemp greeted Luis Garcia with an RBI single to make it 7-5.

Scott Alexander (2-0) tossed a scoreless inning for the win. Kenley Jansen finished for his 29th save in 32 chances. Franco hit Jansen's first pitch out to left for his 15th homer.

**DIAMONDBACKS 7, CUBS 1**  
**CHICAGO (AP)** — Paul Goldschmidt homered and Patrick Corbin pitched seven strong innings to pick up his first win in seven weeks, leading Arizona over Chicago.

A.J. Pollack had two hits and Jeff Mathis added a

two-run double as Arizona won for the fourth time in its last five games at Wrigley Field.

Corbin (7-4) gave up just one run and six hits while striking out nine for his first win since June 5. He was 0-2 with a 3.98 ERA in seven starts since.

Goldschmidt's homer was his 22nd on the season. He was 2 for 5 after going 1 for 12 with nine strikeouts in three games since the All-Star break. Goldschmidt came in with a .361 career average (48 for 133) against the Cubs, including a three-homer game at Wrigley Field last Aug. 3.

### PADRES 3, METS 2

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jacob deGrom's winless streak reached five games as the major league ERA leader was hurt by a pair of errors behind him, and San Diego beat New York in a matchup of teams with the worst records in the National League.

Rookie left-hander Joey Lucchesi (5-5), brought

back from the minor leagues, baffled the Mets for the much of the evening with his curve, a combination curveball-changup at about 80 mph.

Manuel Margot hit a go-ahead triple in a two-run fifth inning after right fielder Jose Bautista dropped Christian Villanueva's fly ball. The Padres made it 3-1 in the sixth when Wil Myers doubled and scored when charging shortstop Amed Rosario let Eric Hosmer's chopper get under his glove and bounce into the outfield.

DeGrom (5-5), whose ERA rose from 1.68 to 1.71, allowed three runs — two earned — and five hits in eight innings, striking out 10 and walking two. He has given up three runs or fewer in 17 consecutive appearances and became the first pitcher to win fewer than seven games in his first 20 starts with an ERA below 2.00 since earned runs started being compiled in 1912, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

### BRAVES 12, MARLINS 1

**MIAMI (AP)** — Freddie Freeman hit his 17th homer and also doubled for Atlanta, which totaled 16 hits to beat Miami.

Freeman is batting .469 with five homers in eight games against Miami this year. The Braves improved to 6-2 versus the Marlins and have outscored them 56-29.

Charlie Culberson had a career-high four hits, including a pair of doubles, and drove in three runs. Dansby Swanson hit his eighth homer.

Sean Newcomb (9-5) overcame a wobbly start to allow one run in six innings and earn his first win since June 16. He improved to 3-0 in three outings against Miami this season with an ERA of 1.00. □





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## Rays beat Yanks after Sanchez fails to hustle on final out

**By The Associated Press**  
**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — Gary Sanchez failed to hustle on a pair of key plays, Jake Bauers hit a three-run homer and scored with some nifty baserunning, and Tampa Bay beat Luis Severino and New York.

The Yankees loaded the bases against Jose Alvarado with one out in the ninth when Brett Gardner singled, Aaron Judge walked and Giancarlo Stanton was intentionally walked. After Aaron Hicks hit into a force out at the plate, Alvarado got his first save when Sanchez grounded out, a play where Hicks beat the play at second but the Yankees catcher was thrown out at first after jogging most of the way there.

Hicks limped off the field after his slide.

Severino (14-3) allowed a season-high seven runs and 11 hits in five-plus innings. The 24-year-old righty struck out eight to reach 504 for his career, joining Al Downing (644) and Lefty Gomez (511) as the only Yankees' pitchers to reach 500 strikeouts with the club before turning 25.

Matt Andriese (3-4), the second of seven pitchers in the Rays' bullpen day, allowed two unearned runs in 3 2/3 innings.

### RED SOX 5, ORIOLES 3

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Rick Porcello scattered six hits over six scoreless innings, Mitch Moreland homered and Boston beat Baltimore in a

rain-delayed matchup between the best and worst teams in the major leagues. Andrew Benintendi drove in two runs for the AL East-leading Red Sox, who have won 15 of 17 to move 40 games over .500 (71-31) for the first time since 1949.

Porcello (12-4) struck out six and walked one in surpassing his win total of 2017. It was a nice bounce-back performance by the 2016 AL Cy Young Award winner, who allowed eight runs in two innings against Toronto in his last outing.

After Jonathan Schoop hit a two-run homer off Brandon Workman in the eighth, Craig Kimbrel gave up an RBI single to Caleb Joseph in the ninth but earned his 32nd save.

Kevin Gausman (4-8) gave up five runs, three hits and three walks for Baltimore. He came undone during Boston's four-run fifth, when he issued three straight walks — the last with the bases loaded — and a two-run double to Benintendi.

Since trading shortstop Manny Machado at the All-Star break, Baltimore has lost four in a row to bring the big leagues' worst record to 28-73. The Orioles are 1-10 against the Red Sox this season and 42½ games out of first place in the AL East.

### ATHLETICS 15, RANGERS 3

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Jonathan Lucroy hit a grand slam off his former battery mate and surging



Tampa Bay Rays' Jake Bauers celebrates after crossing home plate in front of New York Yankees catcher Gary Sanchez following his three-run home run during the fifth inning of a baseball game Monday, July 23, 2018, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Oakland beat Texas for its 24th win in 31 games.

Stephen Piscotty also went deep against Rangers starter Cole Hamels (5-9), a potential trade target for some contending teams even though he has struggled at home all season. Oakland right-hander Brett Anderson (2-2) struck out six over six innings.

The A's (58-43) are a season-best 15 games over .500 after the 24-7 stretch since June 16 that is the best in the majors during that span. They are still third in the loaded AL West, behind Houston and Seattle.

### TWINS 8, BLUE JAYS 3

**TORONTO (AP)** — Logan Morrison homered and had three RBIs, Max Kepler added a two-run blast and Minnesota beat Toronto, snapping a three-game losing streak.

Joe Mauer and Mitch

Garver each had three hits and right-hander Adalberto Mejia (1-0) pitched 5 1/3 innings for his first win of the season as the Twins bounced back after being swept at Kansas City over the weekend.

Lourdes Gurriel Jr. hit a solo home run for the Blue Jays. Toronto swept a three-game series from Baltimore over the weekend but couldn't extend its winning streak against the Twins.

The Blue Jays gave right-hander Luis Santos his first career start because right-hander Marco Estrada remains sidelined with a strained left gluteal muscle. Santos (0-1) allowed one run and three hits in two innings.

### TIGERS 5, ROYALS 4

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Jim Adduci delivered a two-run double in the ninth and scored the go-ahead

run on James McCann's double as Detroit to beat Kansas City.

After Adduci's double off Brandon Maurer tied it, Jason Hamel replaced Maurer and gave up a first-pitch RBI double to McCann, his third hit, to put the Tigers ahead.

Maurer (0-4) faced three batters in the ninth and all scored.

Alex Wilson (1-3) picked up the win. Shane Greene gave up a two-out single in the ninth before earning his 20th save in 23 chances.

### WHITE SOX 5, ANGELS 3

**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — Jose Abreu homered and drove in two runs, leading Lucas Giolito and the Chicago White Sox past Los Angeles.

Shohei Ohtani hit a solo home run for the Angels, who squandered a 3-1 lead. □



# Once upon a time these women ruled basketball in Canada



In this March 2, 2017, photo, Kay MacBeth poses during an interview in Toronto.

Associated Press

**TORONTO (AP)** — They were basketball's version of "A League of Their Own," a group of trailblazing women who dominated Canadian basketball for a quarter century.

Kay MacBeth, the last surviving member of the Edmonton Graduates, died Saturday at 96.

"It's really an end of an era," granddaughter Christin Carmichael Greb said.

"It was like the movie. It was the same sort of thing for basketball. There were these women who were amazing athletes that we don't always hear about." James Naismith, the Canadian inventor of basketball, once referred to the Grads as "the finest basketball team that ever stepped out on a floor."

They won 17 world titles and went 502-20 from their founding in 1915 to 1940, when they folded because of the demands of war and falling attendance.

Coached by J. Percy Page, who would become lieutenant governor of Alberta, the Grads captured four straight exhibition Olympic titles — before women could compete in the games — and won all 27 matches. They played nine games against men's teams. They won seven of them. "From that era, you didn't have a lot of female athletes coming up, said Carmichael Greb, a Toron-

to city councilor. "I was a rower through high school, and so to have that sort of inspiration of a female athlete, someone who lived through a completely different period where there were no women's sports, it was a great thing to have growing up."

MacBeth played softball and dodge ball growing up in Saskatchewan, but didn't take up basketball until 10th grade. A 5-foot-4 guard, she joined the Grads in 1939 when she was 17 and played in the team's final two seasons.

In an interview with The Canadian Press last year, she described herself as "fast and a good playmaker and not a ball hog. Any time the ball was in our hands, I pretty much started it."

The Grads were inducted into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame in 1983. They entered the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame in 2017. At the induction news conference, MacBeth asked

former Calgary Flames star and fellow inductee Lanny McDonald for a kiss. He obliged.

"How about that?" McDonald grinned through his bushy moustache.

"MacBeth and the Edmonton Grads transformed the sport in Canada and were an inspiration to women's basketball players not only across the country but around the world," Wayne Parrish, co-chair of Canada Basketball's board of directors, said in a statement. MacBeth and her teammates — there were just 38 official players — remained close after the Grads disbanded. Their last reunion was in the 1980s.

"It was a crying session at our last dinner anyway, everybody was upset to some degree," MacBeth said last year. "We decided we'd meet every three years somewhere in Canada, which we did until everybody had become either ill or too far away." □

## WOODS

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Woods was on the course with Mark Calcavecchia on Sept. 11, 2001, when he was notified of the terrorist attacks. The tournament was canceled the next day.

Can he win another major? No one should doubt him now.

He still has to show it, however, and what Sunday at Carnoustie made clear is that it will take more than his mere presence on the leaderboard.

It felt like the Woods of old when he took the lead and the other contenders started an inexplicable slide. Jordan Spieth took a risk from the rough on the par-5 sixth, found the one place he couldn't miss and made double bogey. Xander Schauffele topped a shot out of the rough, blew the next one over the seventh green and made double bogey. These things happen at Carnoustie. They happened to Woods, too.

He might be Tiger Woods, but at the moment, he's just like everybody else. The



Tiger Woods of the US plays a shot on the 4th hole during the final round of the British Open Golf Championship in Carnoustie, Scotland, Sunday July 22, 2018.

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longtime PGA Tour slogan is, "These guys are good," and so is Woods.

Missing is the intimidation factor until he wins again, and then wins some more. "For a while, I thought Tiger was going to win," Rory McIlroy said. "My mindset was, 'Go and spoil the party here.'"

McIlroy was not among seven players who had a share of the lead in the final round. He was too busy catching up. But he's been part of this scene already this year, and it didn't rattle

him. That was at Bay Hill, where Woods made birdie on the 13th hole to get within one shot of the lead. Hear that, Rory?

"It wasn't the birdie, it was actually when he was walking from the 13th green to the 14th tee," McIlroy said. "There was a Tiger chant, and then I had to back off my putt and let that calm down and go and hit. So you know it's there, but I don't feel like it affected me in any way."

Apparently not. He wound up winning by three shots.

Woods hit a tee shot out-of-bounds on the 16th hole and tied for fifth.

Woods made his first birdie Sunday at Carnoustie on No. 4, and Spieth could hear the roar as he walked down the third fairway. An hour later, he noticed Woods in the lead, but only by accident. Spieth wanted to avoid looking at leaderboards, and he slipped on No. 8. He walked over to his caddie, Michael Greller, and said, "Damn it, I looked at the board, dude."

"He's like, 'He hasn't been in this position in 10 years, and you've been here how many times in the last three years?' He was throwing it back at me," Spieth said.

Spieth has had at least a share of the lead after any round in the majors 16 times dating to the 2014 Masters. The last time Woods was atop the leaderboard after a round in the majors was in the 2012 PGA Championship. Spieth was starting his sophomore year at Texas. The players know all about Woods. The respect is there. He has no equal with more with 14 majors and 10 seasons with at least five PGA

Tour victories.

But at this stage in his career, Woods has peers inside the ropes.

Francesco Molinari didn't flinch while playing with Woods, even when he took the lead. Molinari was rock solid and bogey free, and the Italian joined Y.E. Yang as the only players to be paired with Woods in the final round of a major and win.

"It will be interesting to see going forward," McIlroy said. "But this was his first taste of major championship ... drama for quite a while. Even though he's won 14, you have to learn how to get back."

Spieth says Woods contending at Carnoustie was no fluke, at least for those paying attention this year.

"And he wouldn't tell you, but he's human," Spieth said. "Experiencing that kind of pressure that he would have felt leading the Open on a Sunday is no different than anybody else, especially having not experienced it for so long." Give it time.

But don't expect anyone to give it to him. □



# Tour de France chaos: farmers' protest, tear gas and crashes

By ANDREW DAMPF

AP Sports Writer

**BAGNERES-DE-LUCHON, France (AP)** — Tear gas in

riders' eyes. A farmers' protest blocking the road. Two key crashes on dangerous descents.

The only thing lacking from the wild 16th stage of the Tour de France on Tuesday was a shakeup in the overall standings.

Frenchman Julian Alaphilippe took advantage of his downhill skills to win the first of three mountainous legs in the Pyrenees, which was briefly interrupted when police used tear gas to disperse a farmers' protest that had blocked the road with bales of hay. The overall standings were unchanged. Geraint Thomas in the yellow jersey, second-placed Chris Froome and third-placed Tom Dumoulin all crossed together nearly nine minutes behind. The farmers' protest occurred 30 kilometers into the 218-kilometer (135.5-mile) leg from Carcassonne to Bagneres-de-Luchon.

Thomas, Froome, world champion Peter Sagan

and other riders were treated with eye drops due to the tear gas amid a 15-minute delay.

"I just felt my throat and nose were burning, eyes were burning afterward," Froome said. "But I think quite a lot of riders were in a similar situation."

"Thankfully the effect didn't last long," Froome added. "It was just a temporary thing with stinging and burning."

It was the latest in a series of incidents involving spectators during this year's race, with Team Sky riders being pushed and spat on and 2014 champion Vincenzo Nibali having his back broken in a crash when a fan caught their camera strap on his handlebars.

"We feel safe. Obviously on some of the climbs not everyone's our fans but we don't feel threatened," Thomas said. "It's hard in cycling when you're just on the open road. It's not like football or something. Everyone's doing the best they can and hopefully everyone can just behave and let us race."



France's Julian Alaphilippe, center, and Austria's Gregor Muehlberger climb Portet d'Aspet pass during the sixteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 218 kilometers (135.5 miles) with start in Carcassonne and finish in Bagneres-de-Luchon, France, Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

Associated Press

The small group of farmers from the Aude department were protesting a planned reduction of European Union funding, according to French authorities.

"We are not going to lock the riders in a stadium or a tennis court," Tour director Christian Prudhomme said. "People should not block the road, no matter what causes they are fighting for."

Thomas remained 1 minute,

39 seconds ahead of four-time champion Froome, with Dumoulin 1:50 back.

Alaphilippe took the lead when Adam Yates crashed on a technical descent in the finale.

"I knew the finale was tricky," Alaphilippe said. "I was sad for (Yates) but it could have happened to me, too, because I took a lot of risks. ... I went all out for 220 kilometers today. I'm exhausted."

Belgian rider Philippe Gilbert was leading when he crashed earlier in the stage while descending from the Col de Portet-d'Aspet, hitting a wall and flipping off his bike spectacularly but avoiding major injury. It was the same descent where Italian rider Fabio Casartelli died during the 1995 Tour.

"I thought I was broken everywhere," said Gilbert, a teammate of Alaphilippe's on the Quick-Step team. "But I ended up more or less OK."

Alaphilippe also won the 10th stage and is wearing the polka-dot jersey of the mountains classification leader.

Yates led Alaphilippe by 20 seconds at the top of the Col du Portillon climb 10 kilometers from the finish but lost control with 6K to go, falling to the pavement on a left turn and sliding across the road.

"You never know what's coming up on some of these corners," Yates said. "There was a bit of downforce or something and I came down, that's all there is to it. □"

## Capitals bring back Brooks Orpik, a leader on Stanley Cup title team

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Hockey Writer

Brooks Orpik is returning to the Washington Capitals not long after the Stanley Cup champions traded him, and it's as if he never left.

The Capitals on Tuesday signed the veteran defenseman to a \$1 million, one-year deal with \$500,000 in performance bonuses. General manager Brian MacLellan's announcement of Orpik's new contract came exactly a month after the Colorado Avalanche bought him out of the final year of his old one.

Washington traded Orpik and backup goaltender Philipp Grubauer to the Avalanche for a second-round pick at the NHL draft in June to clear salary-cap

space to re-sign defensemen John Carlson and Michal Kempny and forward Devante Smith-Pelly. In buying out the final year of his contract worth \$4.5 million, Colorado will pay him \$1.5 million in each of the next two seasons, so Orpik can break even if he achieves the bonuses in his new deal. When informed Avalanche GM Joe Sakic was considering buying out Orpik, MacLellan said right away the Capitals were interested. The 37-year-old was an important leader for the Capitals the past four seasons and scored the winning goal in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final.

"Brooks has been a valuable player and a great mentor for our young players, and we are thrilled to bring him back to our orga-

nization," MacLellan said. "We feel his leadership and competitiveness on and off the ice will be welcomed back to our group."

With Orpik returning, the Capitals should have 18 of the 19 players back who played in the Cup-clinching Game 5 against the Vegas Golden Knights, once they re-sign restricted free agent forward Tom Wilson. Only fourth-line center Jay Beagle, who signed a \$12 million, four-year deal with Vancouver, is gone from that group.

The more continuity the better is the Capitals' philosophy this offseason, even after coach Barry Trotz resigned and joined the New York Islanders. MacLellan promoted associated coach Todd Reirden to replace Trotz, and get-



In this June 3, 2018, file photo, Washington Capitals defenseman Brooks Orpik speaks to the media at Kettler Capitals Iceplex in Arlington, Va.

Associated Press

ting a deal done with Orpik keeps much of the championship band together.

Orpik was the third player to lift the Cup after captain Alex Ovechkin and fellow alternate Nicklas Backstrom. Before the Capitals won, he was the only player on the team with a Cup ring.

Nicknamed by his Russian teammates "Batya" — which translates to "dad"

— Orpik was one of the most respected players in the locker room. Assuming he stays healthy, the veteran of 982 regular-season games will get to play his 1,000th in a Capitals uniform this season.

Over his career with the Pittsburgh Penguins and Capitals, Orpik has averaged almost 20 minutes a game and totaled 16 goals and 169 assists. □





## By Dr. Carlos Viana

Imagine you are a government official trying to decide what to do with the oldest and biggest toxic industrial pollutant. Nationwide, in the United States fluoride remains one of industry's largest pollutants. By the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) last estimate, at least 155,000 tons a year were being released into the air by U.S. industrial plants. Emissions into water lakes, rivers, and ocean have been estimated to be as high as 500,000 tons a year. Recent EPA data indicates that fluoride is currently the 6th most emitted Hazardous Air Pollutant in the US, although total air emissions are now considerably lower than 155,000 tons.

Our air is contaminated by fluoride emissions from the production of iron, steel, aluminum, copper, lead and zinc; phosphates (essential for the manufacture of all agricultural fertilizers); plastics; gasoline; brick, cement, glass, ceramics, and the infinite other products made from clay; electrical power generation and all other coal combustion; and uranium processing. Our water is being polluted with fluoride by the producers and processors of glass, pesticides and fertilizers, steel and aluminum, chemicals, and metals. The metal processing industries include copper and brass, as well as titanium, super-alloys, and refractory metals for military use. So, like any other deceptive politician you take your pollution problem, which is going to cost a lot of money to get rid off, and manipulate the

facts about fluoride to influence the public so they believe that fluoride is good for them – this is called "putting a spin to the problem"; the latest buzzword for lying to the public. For nearly 50 years, the U.S. government and media have been telling the public that fluoride is safe and beneficial -- it is supposed to reduce cavities, especially in children. Manufacturers add it to toothpaste; municipalities put it in the public's drinking water. Pollution problem solved by spending no money and making money for industry that gets to sell its pollution to the pharmaceutical and food industries.

The truth is that raw hazardous pollution trapped in scrubbers of the industries listed above is sold as fluoridation. Pretty neat solution for the politicians and industry; however, using of fluoridated toothpastes and dental products or ingestion of fluoridated water directly or used in food processing dramatically raises levels of lead in children's blood. These high toxic levels cause learning disorders and brain damage. Want some no-nonsense proof? Read the FDA fluoride toothpaste that you are using "WARNING: Keep out of reach of children under 6 years of age. In case of accidental ingestion, seek professional assistance or contact a Poison Control center immediately". And you are still using this stuff? Fluoride is a poison that there is enough in one standard tube of fluoridated toothpaste to KILL a 20 pound/ 9 kilo child.

Professionally, I used to think that we were immune to fluoride problems here in Aruba. Unfortunately, I have been seeing fluorosis in our clinic. The ingestion of fluoride causes a condition marked by mottling, yellow patches or spots on the teeth and damage to the bones; especially bones that are still growing. We are ingesting fluoride from dental products, reconstructed juice with fluoridated water and processed foods that contain fluoride. On our last trip to Curaçao we heard that, frighteningly, our sister island is putting fluoride in their water.

As a member of the International Academy Of Oral Medicine and Toxicology (IAOMT) I am privileged to review the Academy's data on ongoing examination of the toxicological data on fluoride, the Academy has made several preliminary determinations over the last 18 years, each concluding that fluoride added to

the public water supply, or prescribed as controlled-dose supplements, delivers no discernible health benefit, and causes a higher incidence of adverse health effects. This is not new information; yet, with the continuing medical use of fluoride, we should be questioning what the real motives are.

The solution? Read the label of any food products you bring into the house. Start using baking soda as toothpaste or start using natural oral care products for periodontal health without fluoride. We use natural care products that contain Xylitol. This plant based sugar-alcohol has been shown to support sinus and lungs and dental health. Remember it is a bacterium that causes cavities in your mouth.

Get The Point! The only people who question the safety of fluoride, says the United States government, are quacks. Interestingly, the word "quack" was first used as a derogatory term describing the first dentists that started using mercury "quacksilver" in people's mouths. If telling people the truth and offering alternatives to products that are known to be detrimental makes me a quack, so be it. I am looking forward to working with you so you can find out more about what you can do for a healthy mouth and body; we can quack- quack together. □

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# Ivanka Trump is shutting down her clothing company

By BERNARD CONDON

Associated Press  
NEW YORK (AP) —

Ivanka Trump is shutting down her clothing company and laying off 18 employees after some stores dropped her line and she decided ethics restrictions were holding back its ability to grow.

The president's daughter said in statement she made the decision to focus more on work as a White House adviser.

"After 17 months in Washington, I do not know when or if I will ever return to the business, but I do know that my focus for the foreseeable future will be the work I am doing here in Washington," she said, "so making this decision now is the only fair outcome for my team and partners."

Ivanka Trump has recently been encouraging U.S. companies to pledge to hire American workers. Her company has been criticized for using Chinese workers abroad to make its products.

Opinions about the brand have become highly polarized and it has faced boycotts from anti-Trump protesters.

With sales flagging by



In a Thursday, July 19, 2018 file photo, Ivanka Trump, daughter of President Donald Trump, applauds during a signing ceremony in East Room of the White House, in Washington.

some measures, Nordstrom dropped the Ivanka Trump line last year and recently Hudson Bay reportedly did the same.

The company has also come under criticism from ethics experts for trademarks granted by foreign governments such as China that would want to curry favor with the president.

Analyst Neil Saunders, man-

aging director of Global-Data Retail, said that "while the company is still viable, doing business has become far more challenging and these problems will only increase."

The bulk of Ivanka Trump's assets — more than \$50 million worth — was contained in a trust that holds her business and corporations.

That trust generated over

\$5 million in revenue last year, according to a financial disclosure report filed with the government.

When Ivanka Trump joined the White House as adviser to her father, she stepped aside from running her company and agreed to several restrictions so that her financial interest in the business would not conflict with her public role as a

White House adviser.

Still, the company drew criticism for benefiting from their White House ties.

In April last year, the Chinese government granted her company provisional approval for three new trademarks, the same day she and her husband Jared Kushner dined with the president of China and his wife at President Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort.

Ivanka Trump's brand has said the 2017 Chinese trademarks were filed defensively to protect against squatters using her name. China has said its trademarks policy regarding Ivanka Trump's company is in line with normal legal practice.

The Ivanka Trump brand has also come under criticism for conditions at factories where its products were made in China.

The Associated Press spoke with workers last year at an Ivanka Trump shoe factory in Ganzhou, China, who described long hours, low pay and abuse.

The company said at the time that the "integrity" of its supply chain was a "top priority" and that it takes such allegations "very seriously." □

Associated Press

## Drugmaker Lilly plans IPO for part of animal health business

Associated Press  
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) —

Eli Lilly is planning an initial public offering for part of an animal health business that brought in about 13 percent of all company revenue last year.

The drugmaker said Tuesday that the IPO will represent an ownership stake of less than 20 percent.

Lilly said it will divest its remaining stake in Elanco Animal Health through a tax-efficient deal, but offered no other details.

Eli Lilly and Co., based in Indianapolis, once saw animal health as a pivotal asset in equalizing the loss of patents on some top prod-

ucts. Last fall, however, it said it was exploring other options for the business. Those included a possible sale or a merger.

The drugmaker decided that an IPO was the best way to maximize after-tax value for Lilly shareholders, Chairman and CEO David Ricks said in a statement Tuesday.

He said it also will help Lilly focus more on drugs for humans.

Lilly's portfolio includes the insulin Humalog, the cancer treatment Alimta and the antidepressant Cymbalta.

The company expects to complete the IPO by the

end of this year and divest its remaining stake in the business possibly by next year.

Elanco makes antibiotics and feed additives for livestock and flea and heartworm treatments for pets. It brought in \$3.08 billion of Lilly's \$22.87 in total revenue last year.

Also Tuesday, Lilly reported second-quarter earnings and revenue that topped Wall Street expectations, and the company raised its 2018 forecast above analyst expectations.

Lilly shares advanced 3 percent, or \$2.87, to \$91.75 in before-market trading Tuesday. □



This April 26, 2017, file photo shows the Eli Lilly & Co. corporate headquarters in Indianapolis.

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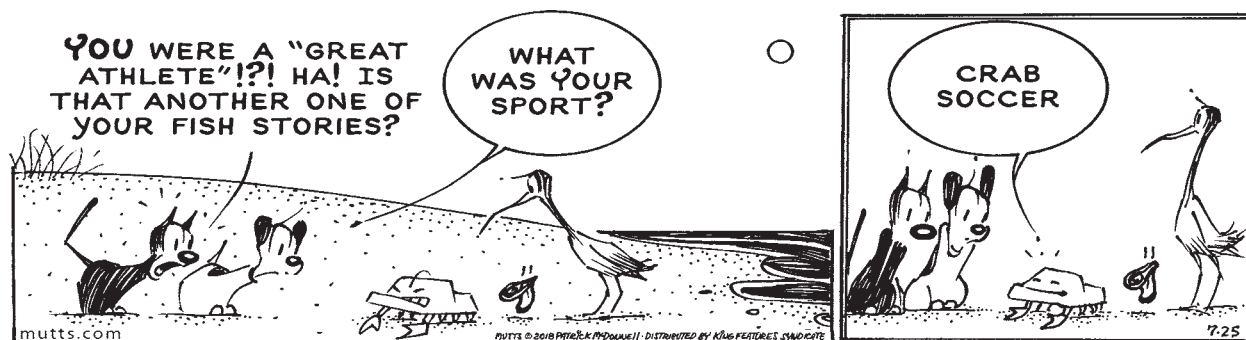



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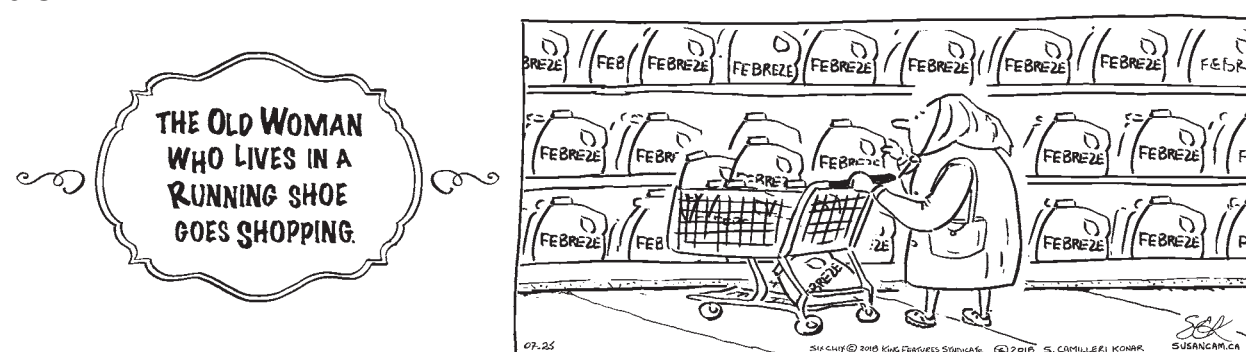
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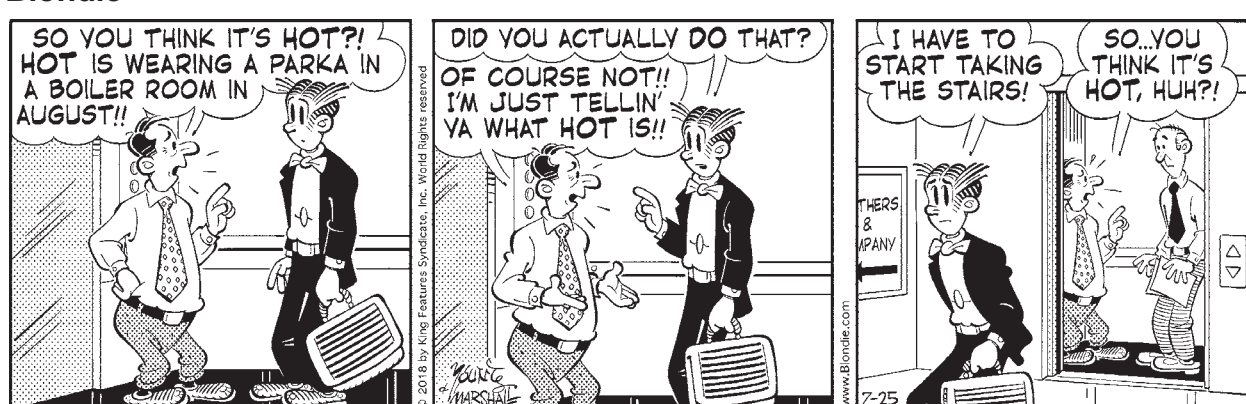
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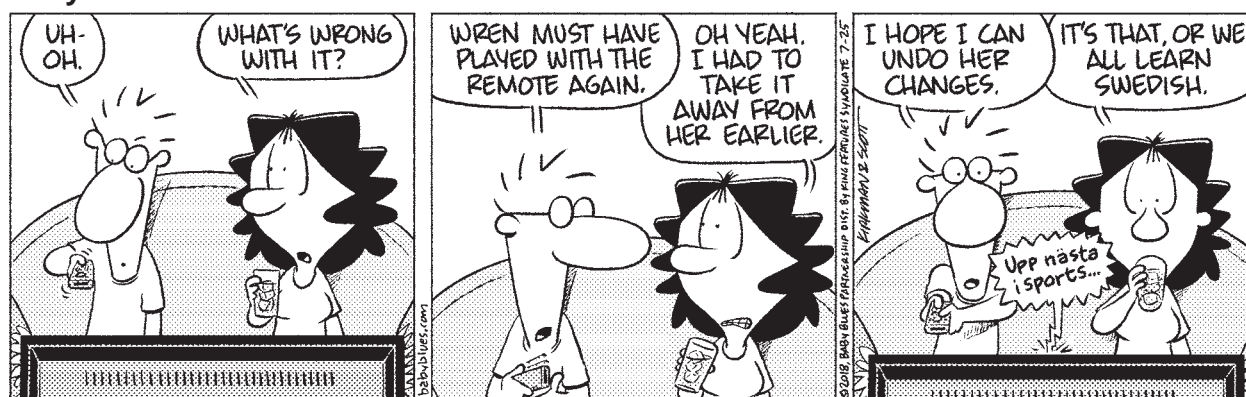
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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			1			9		
9		1					3	
1	7				3			6
	8						2	
5	2	4						8
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			9	5				

Difficulty Level ★★★

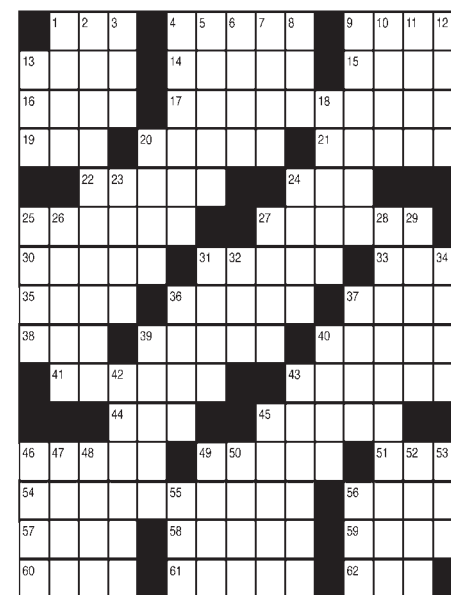
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

7	5	4	6	9	3	8	2	1
9	2	8	5	7	1	6	4	3
3	1	6	8	2	4	7	9	5
6	9	1	7	3	5	4	8	2
8	7	2	4	1	9	5	3	6
4	3	5	2	8	6	9	1	7
1	8	7	9	5	2	3	6	4
2	4	9	3	6	7	1	5	8
5	6	3	1	4	8	2	7	9

- ACROSS**
- Give it a go
  - TV's "World Turns"
  - Spill the beans
  - You, to Shakespeare
  - Saleman's pitch
  - Hit the ceiling
  - Stable dinner
  - Valiantly forgoes
  - 1914-18 conflict: abbr.
  - Use foul language
  - City in England
  - "Trailers for sale or rent, \_\_\_ to let..."
  - ABC followers
  - Treeless tract in Europe or Asia
  - Seashores
  - Johnny Cash's "A Boy \_\_\_ Sue"
  - Graduate finals, perhaps
  - Stylish
  - Plow pullers
  - Bank safe
  - "Been there, \_\_\_ that"
  - \_\_\_ over; persuade
  - Punctures
  - Baton \_\_, LA
  - Begins
  - Point the \_\_\_ at; accuse
  - Edison's initials
  - Canine or molar
  - "\_\_\_ John B"
  - Diagram
  - \_\_\_ T; exactly
  - Pen name
  - Eerie saucers, for short
  - Gung ho
  - Bylaws
  - Has dinner
  - \_\_\_ it; understands
  - Bread ingredient
  - Jolson & Roker
- DOWN**
- Melt
  - Period of more leisure & less income
  - Affirmative



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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## Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

SUPS	RODEO	OATH
TREE	OCEAN	FREE
OGRE	THEREAFTER	
WET	STEP	LIASSO
	UPPER	TON
WARREN	CANDID	
ELBOW	PROBE	MRS
BLIP	FREDS	SPIT
SIN	NAIVE	KOALA
	EGOISM	MEASLY
	PET	SEEKS
STOIC	VEAL	APR
PIONEERING	ABLE	
ADZE	LEASE	FLEA
NEED	IDLER	TEAM

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| 39 Small fruit                        | 48 Leave out                                |
| 40 Public uprising                    | 49 Helpful hint                             |
| 42 ___ with; opposed to               | 50 Luau dance                               |
| 43 Woods                              | 52 Fumbler's word                           |
| 45 Subdues                            | 53 Burro                                    |
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# Doctors: Woman likely spread Ebola a year after infection

By MARIA CHENG  
AP Medical Writer

**LONDON (AP)** — A Liberian woman who probably caught Ebola in 2014 may have infected three relatives a year after she first fell sick, doctors reported in a study published Monday. There have been previous instances of men spreading Ebola to women via sexual transmission — the virus can survive in semen for more than a year — but the new case is the first time scientists have suggested that Ebola was spread from a woman after such a prolonged period.

The rare possibility of Ebola spreading long after infection highlights the importance of monitoring survivors, especially with the imminent end of the most recent flare-up of the disease in Congo. That country's latest outbreak, announced in May, has so far recorded 38 confirmed cases, including 14 deaths. It is due to be declared contained on Wednesday, which will mark 42 days, or two incubation periods, since the last case was recorded.

"The Ebola virus hides in places where it can es-



This undated colorized transmission electron micrograph image made available by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows an Ebola virion.

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cape the antibodies from a body's immune system, so there is a need for vigilance," said Dr. David Heymann, a professor of infectious diseases at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, who was not linked to the new research.

The unusual cluster of cases in Liberia was identified after the woman's 15-year-old son was diagnosed with Ebola in November 2015. Scientists then tested the rest of his family: the woman, her husband and their

three younger sons. The 15-year-old died a few days later. The father and an 8-year-old boy were positive for Ebola, but both recovered. The couple's 5-year-old son wasn't infected.

Doctors found Ebola antibodies in the mother, her breast milk and her 2-month-old baby, suggesting a previous infection and the possibility she passed on protection to her infant son through breastfeeding. Researchers reported genetic similarities between

the viruses taken from the father, the two boys and the strain circulating during the 2014-15 outbreak across Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone, which ultimately killed more than 11,000 people in the biggest Ebola epidemic in history.

Scientists discovered the woman had cared for her brother in July 2014, who died after suffering Ebola-like symptoms but before being tested for the disease. The woman later experienced a similar illness, but never sought care.

Several weeks after giving birth to a baby in September 2015, the woman developed problems including fatigue and breathing difficulties. Doctors say that because pregnancy lowers the body's immune defenses, that may have allowed for the Ebola virus to re-emerge.

"The suspicious illness she had following delivery may have been a re-activation of Ebola, but we have no confirmatory tests," said Dr. Emily Kainne Dokubo, who led the Ebola response in Liberia for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the study's

lead author.

Dokubo said it was possible the woman infected her husband and two older sons with Ebola when they took care of her — the disease is normally spread through contact with an infected patient's blood or other bodily fluids. The case report was published online Monday in the journal *Lancet*.

"There isn't complete evidence to reconstruct what happened, but this is the most likely scenario," said Lorenzo Subissi, an epidemiologist at Sciensano, a Belgian research institute, who was not part of the study.

Dokubo said such cases of Ebola re-emergence are exceptional, with only two reported instances: a Scottish nurse who developed meningitis caused by Ebola hidden in her brain and an American physician who had lingering virus in his eye. In those two cases, the virus did not spread any further. "We don't want there to be a sense of complacency with people thinking that just because the outbreak is over, there's nothing more to be done," Dokubo said. □



In this Oct. 20, 2017, file photo, John Miano of Destin, Fla., holds a monarch butterfly on his fingertip as he waits for the newly tagged insect to take flight during the Panhandle Butterfly House's Monarch Madness festival in Navarre, Fla.

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## Britain has a summer job for you: Count the butterflies

**LONDON (AP)** — What to do during Britain's hottest summer in years? Why, count butterflies, of course. Britain is holding a Big Butterfly Count to help experts assess the state of the wildlife environment.

The count is being backed by celebrities, including naturalist David Attenbor-

ough, and depends on people devoting 15 minutes to counting butterfly species. More than 60,000 volunteers took part in the Butterfly Conservation survey last year. The annual survey began in 2010 and the group says it's become the largest butterfly monitoring project in the world.

The group says butterflies react very quickly to environmental changes, making them excellent indicators of biodiversity. It says a decline in butterflies is "an early warning" of other wildlife losses. The count, which also helps to identify threatened species, goes until Aug. 12. □

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# John Waters, others celebrate the anniversary of 'Hairspray'

By MICHAEL CIDONI LEN-  
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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Ricki Lake never in her wildest dreams thought she'd be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the film "Hairspray" at the lofty Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

"I never thought the movie was going to come out, let alone have this life span. And for me to be alive 30 years later, for me to be turning 50 in two months ... you know, it's all kind of surreal," she said.

Most of the film's surviving stars, as well as its writer-director John Waters, gathered Monday at the Academy for a special screening of the film, hosted by Oscar-winning Barry Jenkins, the writer-director of "Moonlight."

Jenkins was just age 8 when the film was released, but he said his parents were big fans of the period comedy, set in 1962 Baltimore. It's about a teen-dance TV show that is rocked when a short, plump dynamo — the adorable Tracy Turnblad — unseats Amber Von Tussle, the nasty blond beauty who long has been the reigning queen. Turmoil ensues when Tracy suggests producers stop limiting black dancers' appearances and pushes for the show to be fully integrated. Jenkins noted that Waters' script is loosely based on



In this March 2, 2016 file photo, John Waters attends the opening night of the Metrograph movie theater in New York.

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real events.

"In real life, that show never integrated. It just went off the air rather than integrate," Jenkins said. "I think John gives us this very happy, hopeful ending, by having the show integrate at the end of his version of the film. So I think, even in that, you see that he was trying to say that it is possible for us to come together."

As for the film's pro-integration message, Waters noted: "It was a sneak attack. It was a Trojan horse. It was the only radical movie I ever made, because it

snuck in middle America. And they didn't notice. I mean, they didn't notice the message. Well, they did notice the message. But I've said that even racists like 'Hairspray.'"

Before "Hairspray," Waters

had directed just a handful of features that earned him a cult following. But "Hairspray" was his breakthrough, marking his introduction to mainstream audiences. It also marked a breakthrough for Ameri-

can actor, singer and drag queen Divine, who portrayed Tracy's mother Edna.

Divine died of complications from an enlarged heart just a little more than a week after the film's wide release.

Blondie lead singer and "Hairspray" actress Debbie Harry remembered her co-star.

"Divine was very generous and relaxed and sort of soulful and there's that soft voice," Harry recalled. "And then we had to struggle during the scene of the exploding hair. And I had bruises on my arms. Mother was very strong!"

"Hairspray" featured a cameo appearance by recording artist and actress Pia Zadora, who said she wasn't surprised by the film's long life. It eventually was adapted into a Broadway musical, a musical feature, and also a musical television production.

"I mean, John — you can't deny this guy knows what the hell he's doing," Zadora said. "It was right. It was just right." □

## Professor's life is changed in 'A Noise Downstairs'

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"A Noise Downstairs" (William Morrow), by Linwood Barclay

Paul Davis is driving home when he sees his mentor and colleague Kenneth Hoffman driving erratically. He follows and soon learns that Hoffman has two dead bodies in his trunk. When Davis confronts him, Hoffman whacks him in the head with a shovel. The police show up just in time to stop another murder.

Over eight months later, Davis still has issues with

his memories and suffers from PTSD. Hoffman receives a prison sentence and shows no signs of remorse. How well do you truly know someone? Davis' wife is forgiving but starts to show concern that he's not healing as well as hoped. She finds an old typewriter and decides to buy it to help cheer up her husband. He has always wanted one and instantly takes to using it regularly to write his diary and help him come to terms with what happened. □

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# A new film series asks: Is there a 'female gaze' in movies?

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — An upcoming film series at Lincoln Center asks a provocative question: Is there such a thing as a "female gaze" in movies?

The perspective by which women are often seen, sexualized and objectified by men — consciously or not — in Hollywood films is known as the "male gaze," a term Laura Mulvey coined in a famous 1975 essay. Movies, where men are so often behind the camera, inevitably render women a certain way.

Beginning Friday, "The Female Gaze" will flip the question around with a two-week survey featuring 36 films shot by 23 female cinematographers. The first-of-its-kind series promises to be among the most conversation-starting film retrospectives in recent memory, throwing a big film theory question into a movie industry churning with gender issues.

"I wanted to see if there's a difference," said Florence Almozini, a senior program-



This image released by Netflix shows Rachel Morrison on the set of the film "Mudbound."

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mer for the Film Society at Lincoln Center who assembled the series along with Tyler Wilson and Madeline Whittle. "When you watch a movie, would you know who's shooting it? Would you recognize a male gaze versus a female gaze?" "The Female Gaze" was partly prompted by the upcoming 100th anniversary of the American Society of Cinematographers.

Founded in 1919, the society didn't invite a woman to join until 1980, when it admitted Brianne Murphy. But there are signs of change. Earlier this year, "Mudbound" director of photography Rachel Morrison became the first woman ever Oscar nominated for cinematography. "It's a job that basically is combining empathy with channeling emotion into visual imagery. It's everything women do well," Morrison, who has since shot "Black Panther," said at the time. "I could never quite understand why there aren't more of us."

Yet female cinematographers remain a tiny minority in Hollywood. An estimated four percent of cinematography society members are women. San Diego State University researchers found that in the top 100 grossing films in 2017, two were shot by women. That percentage has remained roughly the same for the last 25 years.

The Lincoln Center series, though, shows the expansive, essential work of a wide variety of female cinematographers. There are acknowledged masters (Agnes Godard, French filmmaker Claire Denis' longtime director of photography), feminist landmarks (Chantal Akerman's

"Jeanne Dielman, 23, quai du Commerce, 1080 Bruxelles," shot by Babette Mangolte) and new arrivals (the upcoming "The Miseducation of Cameron Post," shot by Ashley Connor). There are movies directed by men and women, American films and international ones, blockbusters ("Creed," shot by Maryse Alberti) and indies ("Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," shot by Ellen Kuras). The perspectives and imagery vary vastly. If there is a "female gaze" at all, it is myriad and infinite.

"One of the joys of this series is to realize how many women have been working, how many women have shot footage that I've loved," says Kirsten Johnson, a veteran documentary cinematographer whose acclaimed 2016 mosaic "Cameraperson" is part of the series. "To make that explicit at this point in time feels really useful." Like many, if not all the cinematographers in the series, Johnson has long resisted being defined by her gender. She was too focused on her subjects and on serving the visions of directors. Only when making "Cameraperson," which fused footages from her non-fiction travels with home video, did Johnson start to see how present she was in the footage she's shot.

"What I've come to understand is that the subjectivity of seeing is incredibly acute," says Johnson. "It is connected to all the things that each of us are. Each of us has so many identities but some of our identities are visible to others."

The film's title was partly a wry joke. Johnson has been called a "cameraman" just about every day on her life on set. For her, the word "gaze" isn't quite right, either. It suggests seeing with pleasure, "which I love," she says, "but the primary word I feel when I'm filming is 'searching.'"

Almozini considers the series an "open question," that will be especially illuminating when several of the cinematographers gather for a staged conversation. "They all have a different opinion," says Almozini. She points to a film like "In the City of Silvia" as an especially confounding example. The 2007 film by José Luis Guerín — "a very male gaze movie," says Almozini — is about a man searching Strasbourg, France, for a woman he had only the briefest of encounters with years before.

It was shot by Natasha Braier, a 43-year-old Buenos Aires native who attended film school in the U.K. and who considers herself a "global gypsy." Braier, whose credits include Nicolas Winding Refn's "Neon Demon" and Sebastian Lelio's upcoming "Gloria," has mixed feelings about being assembled by gender.

"I'm not really a believer of the gender celebration thing and the women cinematographer thing," says Braier. "I've been asked all these questions about being a female DP for 20 years now and it never really made a lot of sense to me because I believe that every artist is individual with their own individual gaze. "But I do understand the global situation right now," she adds. "It's a great time to celebrate, in my point of view, not the female gaze but all these different gazes by a lot of cinematographers who happen to be women." □

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# Japan's declutter queen Marie Kondo expands her empire

By LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — People often ask Japanese tidying queen Marie Kondo what containers they need to achieve her brand of organizational success. They expect her to "reveal some hitherto secret storage weapon," she explains in her popular book.

Instead, she advised when "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up" was first published in Japanese in 2011, "You can solve your storage problems with things you already have in the house."

But Kondo's thinking has evolved as she's leveraged her massive, global fan base to expand her empire. She's now got an upcoming Netflix show, a fledgling corps of consultants working around the world to help her fans declutter their homes, and, on Tuesday, she's launched her first product line: six-piece sets of beautiful, sturdy paper boxes for \$89 a pop.

In a recent appearance in Manhattan to announce the show and merchandise line, Kondo said she thinks lovely storage options will spark the life-changing joy she wrote about in her book, which has sold more than 10 million copies in 40-plus countries. She also hopes the boxes will moti-



In this July 11, 2018 photo, Japanese organizational expert Marie Kondo introduces her new line of storage boxes during a media event in New York.

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vate more people to actually complete all the steps in her laborious KonMari Method of sorting, tossing and putting things away in their right and righteous locations.

The new storage sets are the shape and size of shoe boxes. (Her book had recommended using real shoe boxes for organizing.) Smaller boxes in the set are akin to iPhone boxes (another reuse hack she recommends). All are intended to be of service on shelves or in drawers (the sets are

called *Hikidashi*, which means "drawer" in Japanese) to hold such things as sunglasses, handbags, papers, socks, undergarments and T-shirts, the latter three lovingly folded in the flat, KonMari-sanctioned way so they stand upright.

"I'm probably the only person in the world who makes such an official occasion to introduce empty boxes," the soft-spoken mother of two recently told a small gathering of journalists through a translator as she unveiled the containers.

"These are meant to enhance your experience of the KonMari Method."

The boxes will also enhance her bottom line. Since Kondo unleashed the best-selling "Life-Changing Magic," including an English translation in 2014, she's published three other books, earned a spot on Time magazine's 2015 list of 100 most influential people and given birth to two girls, now 3 and nearly 2.

She has given birth to a new business as well: consultants certified by her and

sent forth into homes in 23 countries, from Europe and the Americas to Australia and the Middle East. As for her new show, Netflix ordered an initial eight episodes of her series of home consultations but will say little else on the record.

For now, it's all about the boxes, in pale pink, soft gray, taupe and purple watercolor designs. The sets are dubbed Wonder, Harmony, Clarity and Balance. Customers ordering the containers, for delivery in mid-September from her website, [konmari.com](http://konmari.com), will receive a series of emails and other help online to guide them through the tidying process. Perhaps more importantly, she hopes to connect devotees to one another online via her take on social networking. "I often hear that it is very difficult to sustain your motivation to tidy when you're doing it all by yourself, so I very much feel that having this community is very important," Kondo said. She has adorned just the interiors of the boxes. One set has a purple tree branch with white buds inside. Others are done in abstract swirls. The idea, Kondo said, is to "make the things that you store inside happy," rather than merely hide belongings away. □

# Michael Ondaatje named in Man Booker Prize long list

By NISHAT AHMED

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Canadian author Michael Ondaatje has again made the Man Booker Prize list with his latest novel "Warlight," weeks after his book "The English Patient" was named the best work of fiction from the last five decades of the literary prize.

Organizers on Tuesday announced the 13 books in the long list for the prestigious award, chosen from 171 submissions this year — the highest number of titles that has been put forward in the prize's 50-year history. Ondaatje's "The English Patient," which won the Booker in 1992, was named

winner of the Golden Man Booker winner on July 8, a special award to mark the Booker's 50th anniversary. His "Warlight" tells the story of two orphans in London in the immediate aftermath of World War II.

"'Warlight' contains an incredible array of characters through whom Ondaatje tells the hidden, barely spoken, tale of war, especially as it impacts on children," the judges said. The list also includes the first graphic novel to reach the award's longlist. Written by Nick Drnaso, "Sabrina" is a story of a young girl who goes missing — with the answers to her whereabouts possibly hidden in a video-

tape.

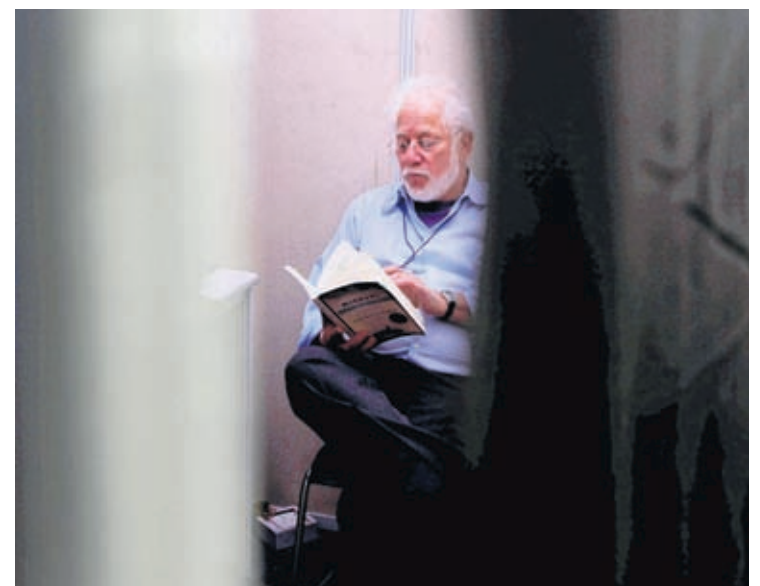
This year's Man Booker Prize includes six U.K. writers, three from the United States, and two each from Canada and Ireland.

The list includes four debut novels and one from American novelist Rachel Kushner.

The list will be pared to six finalists in September and the winner will be announced on Oct. 16 at a black-tie dinner at London's Guildhall.

The winner receives 50,000 pounds (\$65,000).

The prize was originally open to British, Irish and Commonwealth writers. Americans have been eligible since 2014. □



Sri Lankan-born Canadian novelist, poet and Booker Prize-winner Michael Ondaatje reads book before his talk at the Jaipur Literature Festival, in Jaipur, in the western Indian state of Rajasthan.

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# Benched! Foul ball made its mark on me at 1969 All-Star Game

By BEN WALKER

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — How my dad got tickets to the 1969 All-Star Game is still a mystery to me. Great seats, too: Section 127, Row 1.

That was the last time the Midsummer Classic was in the nation's capital, at RFK Stadium. I was 11, loved baseball, grew up watching the Orioles and Senators. I'd never seen a National League player in person. I only saw them on our black-and-white TV, and had no sense of Dodger blue or Cardinal red.

Thanks to Steve Carlton, I collected some neat autographs that day. More on that later. Pointing my trusty Kodak camera, I took a bunch of great pictures — Hank Aaron, Bob Gibson, Roberto Clemente and Juan Marichal.

And because of Johnny Bench, I wound up with a very cool souvenir I never saw coming.

Bench was among 19 future Hall of Fame players on the rosters, and he'd already hit a home run when he came up in the fourth inning. Facing Denny McLain, fresh off a 31-win season, it was quite a matchup.

And I had a front-row seat, down on the field, out toward left.

So when Bench hooked a hard foul over the dugout behind us, I barely turned around. When I did, it was too late.

Thwack!

The ball hit me right in the forehead. It caromed



This collage of photos shows Ben Walker holding the Johnny Bench foul ball that hit him in the head, Ben Walker reaching for an autograph from Atlanta Braves pitcher Phil Niekro and the ticket to the game that was rained out on July 22 and played on July 23, 1969.

off something. I might've heard it whizzing at the last second, but I'm not sure. It definitely dazed me, and my mom was worried.

"I think he needs to see a doctor," she told my dad. "I think he needs to see Willie Mays," dad answered. Crisis averted.

A couple fans dumped their Cokes so my parents could use the ice. They wrapped it in a handkerchief and put the pack on my head, and that helped.

I felt even better when a fan brought over the actual ball — it bonked off my noggin, flew onto the field and was picked up by third base coach Leo Durocher,

who tossed it back into the seats.

(We went to the game with my best friend, John. I texted him last week in Colorado to ask what he remembered about the day. His answer: "You got a hard head, buddy")

Anyway, the next inning, the great Willie Mays appeared as a pinch-hitter. And I clearly saw him.

Funny thing, Mays wasn't the player I really wanted to see. Neither were Pete Rose, Willie McCovey, Ernie Banks, Tom Seaver or any of

the American League stars. I wanted to see Chris Cannizzaro.

Who?

Major League Baseball had added four expansion teams that year — the Montreal Expos, San Diego Padres, Kansas City Royals and Seattle Pilots. To me, the Padres were by far the most interesting.

That's because I'd heard all about the Padres' crazy brown uniforms, but hadn't seen them in color. When I recently found those washed-out pictures in my

mom's basement in suburban Maryland, almost half of them featured the San Diego catcher. He hit .220 that season. He never got into the game, by the way. I also found my weathered, black autograph book.

An hour before the game, I took it down to the NL dugout — it was easy, in those days — stood at the railing and asked Carlton to sign. He said sure, even though he was the starting pitcher. Then he just disappeared into the dugout. With my book. I can remember being confused and afraid it was gone forever. I had worked hard to fill it over the years, too, with signatures from Brooks Robinson, Harmon Killebrew and even Mrs. Babe Ruth.

Five anxious minutes later, Carlton emerged. He said he'd gotten NL starters Cleon Jones and Felix Millan to sign, and apologized for not getting more.

Can you imagine?

Now, back to the best souvenir of all.

You might think it was the ball Bench hit. I still have it. But that wasn't the top prize, at least not that week. Instead, it was the knot the ball left on my head. A badge of honor from a real-live big leaguer. I proudly showed off the bruise the next day when I pitched for the Dub's Pizza Seals. Now that was something no one else had. □



Associated Press writer Ben Walker shows his autograph book from the 1969 All-Star game, when he was 11-years-old in Washington.

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In this July 23, 1969, file photo, American League's Boston Red Sox' Carl Yastrzemski leaps high over the left field fence to prevent a home run during the MLB baseball All-Star game in Washington.

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